# Lakes District Study Area Fairwinds Development Detailed Biophysical Assessment

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# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Cascadia Biological Services was retained by Fairwinds Development to complete a biophysical inventory and assessment on remaining developable lands referred to as the Lakes District in Nanoose Bay, British Columbia. The Lakes District encompasses approximately 730 acres and is identified as an urban growth area with the Regional District of Nanaimo's Growth Management Plan. The Study Area is primarily dominated by older second-generation Douglas-fir/arbutus forests with smaller isolated ecosystem polygons consisting of Douglas fir, Garry Oak, as well as rocky outcrops and riparian areas. The study area is also home to Enos Lake including the British Columbia Conservation Data Centre (BC CDC) red listed Enos Lake Sticklebacks. The environmental assessment of the property was initiated in the fall of 2006 and ended in the spring of 2008. Overall, a total of 30 field days was dedicated to the project and involved completing vegetation assessments, wildlife assessments as well as biophysical mapping of environmentally significant attributes including nests sites, wildlife dens as well as all watercourses within the study area. Our assessments resulted in the documentation/mapping of five distinct ecosystems and nine streams, over fifty wildlife trees, ninety species of plants as well as over sixty species of birds and nearly a dozen mammals including otter, beaver etc. Further to the species observations above, we have determined that there are various environmentally significant attributes as well as rare element occurrences on the property. These include rare Garry Oak meadows as well as other sensitive ecosystems including a variety of plants and animals. Overall, impacts to these environmentally sensitive species and ecosystems as a result of the proposed development are expected to be minimal, if the proposed best management practices identified in this report are adhered to. These include the designation of proposed build areas (development pods), adjusting road locations to minimize impacts to sensitive attributes as well as reducing the overall impervious surface over roads and community parking/trail areas. Other recommendations include having an environmental monitor on-site during road construction and site servicing when construction related activities are either moving through and/or adjacent to environmentally sensitive areas. While any development will impact the natural environment, the Proposed Development, if



developed in keeping with the recommendations set forth herein, will result in the most positive possible outcome for the natural environment. Large tracts of land will be protected in perpetuity and these areas will be appropriately regulated and managed properly, ensuring their continued viability in terms of conservation of ecological integrity, access management and invasive species control.



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# 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Fairwinds Development (3536696 Canada Inc.) tasked Cascadia Biological Services with conducting an environmental assessment (EA) to assist both the overall planning process related to the build out of remaining lands referred to as the Lakes District (Study Area) as well as identify, map and evaluate environmentally sensitive attributes related to wildlife, vegetation and watercourses. The assessments would evaluate these attributes based on their environmental significance both at a regional as well as at a local scale. Fieldwork for the project was initiated in the fall of 2006 and was completed in spring of 2008, involving over 30 days of data collection with both a Registered Professional Biologist (R.P.Bio) and a certified wildlife technician. Assessments completed during this time period included vegetation, wildlife as well as stream/fish habitat surveys and spanned all four seasons to ensure the area was thoroughly assessed.

This report therefore presents the findings of the EA activities and is organized into three main sections. Section 1 includes the introduction and summarizes the scope of work, project goals and objectives, general methods, as well as describes the project area and environmental setting. Section 2 describes the results of the EA and further defines the methods used to each particular assessment. Section 3 details development considerations including a discussion and summary of the EA.

#### 1.1 SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of this EA included conducting environmental assessments at two different scales. The first was a project specific property assessment and involved mapping/assessing species distribution as well as watercourse locations through the delineated study area (property boundary). The second was to assess the potential of occurrence of select species listed by the BC Conservation Data Centre (BCBCD) in relation to habitat suitability within the Nanoose Peninsula.



#### 1.2 OBJECTIVES OF THE WORK

The following objectives were initially identified (Fairwinds Development group):

The overall objectives of these assessments were to assess the remaining lands referred to as the Lakes District (refer to Figure 1), an identified urban growth area within the Regional District of Nanaimo's Growth Management Plan, and to document sensitive ecosystems, watercourses that met the definition under the Riparian Areas Regulations (RAR) as well as locate other environmentally sensitive attributes including wildlife trees, dens, nest sites as well as other rare element occurrences. In particular:

- Map all wildlife trees including nest sites;
- Map wildlife dens;
- Document rare plants and ecosystems through a detailed bio-inventory; and
- Map all waterbodies including RAR watercourses and collect biophysical data that would allow for the determination of the Streamside Protection and Enhancement Areas (SPEA) setback.

#### 1.3 ENVIRONMENTAL AND GEOGRAPHIC SETTING

The Study Area measures 298.5 ha (737.61 ac) in area and is located on the Nanoose Bay peninsula in Nanoose, BC. Located on 1:20,000 TRIM Mapsheet #092F.030, the Study Area is bounded by Georgia Strait and residential properties to the north and east, Notch Hill and the Canadian Forces Maritime Experimental and Test Ranges (C.F.M.E.T.R.) to the south, Dolphin Drive to the west and south and private residences/larger tracts of rural land to the west. Refer to figure 1 below outlining the Study Area as well as the surrounding land uses.

# 1.4 PHYSIOGRAPHY, HYDROLOGY AND CLIMATE

Low relief topography and frequent rocky outcrops characterize the Nanoose Bay peninsula, in which the Study Area is located. Glacial till soils, often with distinct lower layers that is a mixture of sand and crushed rock (from glaciation), are the predominant upland soils. Marine deposits are not present at elevations greater than 100m. The



moisture deficit is approximately 330mm, but varies considerably with aspect, exposure, soils and ground cover.

Climate data for the Study Area are available from Environment Canada's Atmospheric Environment Service (AES) and Ministry of Environment (MoE). AES maintains a climate station at the Nanaimo Airport. The data recorded include temperature and precipitation. The following summarizes the weather data obtained from the AES climate station at Nanaimo Airport and is presented below in bullet form:

- The mean daily temperatures are above freezing throughout the year;
- Mean daily minimum temperatures below freezing can occur from October through March, although the long-term averages of daily minimum temperatures are at or above freezing; and
- The mean daily temperature difference between the coldest winter month and the warmest summer month is approximately 16°C.

Precipitation data show the following patterns:

- Most of the precipitation (86%) falls from October through March;
- Snow can occur any time from October through April; and
- The driest months are in the summer (July and August).



Figure 1. Study Area Overview





#### 1.5 METHODOLOGY

#### 1.5.1 OFFICE STUDY: Identification and Review of Environmental Data

Prior to actual on site investigations of vegetation, wildlife and aquatic communities within the delineated Study Area, a detailed office based investigation on all three environmental components (aquatic resources, wildlife and vegetation) to be studied was undertaken. For the most part, this involved researching government databases, including the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) and the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection (MWLAP), as well as related reports. Please find below a detailed lists of material used and interpreted for our assessments on vegetation, wildlife, and aquatic habitat.

- Aerial photos, reports and Study Area boundaries (Fairwinds Development and Koers Engineering Ltd.).
- Concept Sketch 5m contour Planning Map (Koers Engineering Ltd, 2008).
- BC Conservation Data Centre Rare Wildlife (Appendix A) and Vascular Plants
   (Appendix B) of the South Vancouver Island Forest District http://a100.gov.bc.ca/pub/eswp/
- BC Conservation Data Centre Rare Plant Communities Tracking List of the South Vancouver Island Forest District - BC Conservation Data Centre http://a100.gov.bc.ca/pub/eswp/ (Appendix C).
- FISS (fish information summary system) databases.
- FWSR (fish wizard stream report) databases.
- BC Conservation Data Center <a href="http://srmwww.gov.bc.ca/cdc">http://srmwww.gov.bc.ca/cdc</a>
- Sensitive Habitat Inventory Mapping (SHIM) web site.
   <a href="http://www.shim.bc.ca/shim/main.htm">http://www.shim.bc.ca/shim/main.htm</a>
- Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory <a href="http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/sei/">http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/sei/</a>



# 1.6 FIELDWORK

Fieldwork related to the detailed biophysical assessment of the Study Area was conducted on various dates between September 15<sup>th</sup> 2006 and June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008. For all aspects of our assessment including vegetation, aquatic habitat and wildlife, transects and delineated site boundaries were laid down over the Study Area to ensure maximum coverage (*Appendix D, Biophysical Assessment Map*). Upon completion, a total of 8 biophysical assessment transects measuring 50m in width were assessed thoroughly as well as a complete Study Area walk through resulting in over 60% coverage of the delineated Study Area. In addition, various biophysical assessments of the Study Area were conducted including a vegetation survey, an amphibian survey, small mammal survey, large mammal survey, raptor and blue heron survey, fish and fish habitat survey, and bird inventory. Specific methods relevant to each survey including a breakdown of field equipment are discussed in greater detail in Section 2 of this report.



# 2.0 BIOPHYSICAL ASSESSMENT - METHODS & RESULTS

# 2.1 VEGETATION

# 2.1.1 Biogeoclimatic Zones

The Study Area lies within the Moist Maritime subzone of the Coastal Douglas Fir zone (CDFmm), which occurs along a small portion of southeastern Vancouver Island, several islands in the Georgia Strait and a narrow strip of the adjacent mainland. Elevation limits of the CDFmm range from sea level to approximately 150m. The CDFmm experiences warm, dry summers and mild, wet winters. Forests on zonal sites are dominated Douglas-fir, accompanied frequently by western red cedar, grand fir, arbutus, garry oak and red alder. Major understory species include salal, dull Oregon-grape, ocean-spray, bracken fern, sword fern, trailing blackberry, western trumpet honeysuckle and Oregon beaked moss. Typical vegetation of CDFmm is presented in Table 1: Vegetation Typically Occurring Within the Moist Maritime Coastal Douglas-fir Subzone (CDFmm).

Table 1. Vegetation Typically Occurring Within the Moist Maritime Coastal Douglas-fir Subzone (CDFmm)

Douglas-fir	Pseudotsuga menziesii
Garry oak	Quercus garryana
Arbutus	Arbutus menziesii
Bigleaf maple	Acer macrophyllum
Western red cedar	Thuja plicata
Grand fir	Abies grandis
Western flowering dogwood	Cornus nuttallii
Shore pine	Pinus contorta var. contorta
Western yew	Taxus brevifolia
Salal	Gaultheria shallon
Dull Oregon-grape	Berberis nervosa



Baldhip rose	Rosa gymnocarpa
Ocean-spray	Holodiscus discolor
Western trumpet honeysuckle	Lonicera ciliosa
Snowberry	Symphoricarpos spp.
Hairy honeysuckle	Lonicera hispidula
Falsebox	Paxistima myrsinites
Labrador tea	Ledum groenlandicum
Indian-plum	Oemleria cerasiformis
Salmonberry	Rubus spectabilis
Red elderberry	Sambucus racemosa
Sword fern	Polystichum munitum
Bracken fern	Pteridium aquilinum
Alaska oniongrass	Melica subulata
Big-leaved sandwort	Moehringia macrophylla
Pacific sanicle	Sanicula crassicaulis
Purple peavine	Lathyrus nevadensis
Broad-leaved shootingstar	Dodecatheon hendersonii
Nodding trisetum	Trisetum cernuum
Vanilla leaf	Achlys triphylla
Three-leaved foamflower	Tiarella trifoliate
Lady fern	Athyrium filix-femina
Skunk cabbage	Lysichitum americanum
False lily-of-the-valley	Maianthemum dilatatum
Electrified cat's tail moss	Rhytidiadelphus triquetrus
Oregon beaked moss	Kindbergia oregana
Step moss	Hylocomium splendens
Lichen	Cladonia spp.
Palm tree moss	Leucolepis menziesii
Sphagnum moss	Sphagnum spp.



# 2.1.2 Vegetation Communities

The information required for the environmental inventory was obtained through a review of secondary source information and a 10-day field program.

# 2.1.2.1 Methodology

# 2.1.2.1.1 Office Study

The office study included a review of available maps and plans related to the Study Area. This information was used to assist in aerial photograph interpretation of vegetation, drainages, landform and any other prominent features located on the property. The Study Area (refer to Figure 1) consisted of the proposed lot plus a special 20m assessment area along the outside perimeter of the Study Area. This 20m area was assessed where feasible due to topographical constraints and focused primarily on mapping adjacent waterbodies that may be subject to the Riparian Assessment Regulations (RAR) as they pertain to projected buffer zones including the Streamside Protection and Enhancement Areas (SPEA) into the property. Maps and aerial photographs reviewed included:

- Air Photo Mosaic (Koers Engineering Ltd, 2008)
- 1:20,000 TRIM Mapsheet
- Concept Sketch 5m contour Planning Map (Koers Engineering Ltd, 2008)

In addition to map and aerial photograph interpretation, an Element Occurrence Report (EOR) was requested from the BC Conservation Data Centre, and a review of environmental databases from the Ministry of Environment, Environmental Stewardship Division [formerly known as the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection (MWLAP)]. Internet addresses for these databases are as follows:



- SHIM (Sensitive Habitat Inventory Mapping) -http://www.shim.bc.ca/shim/main.htm
- BC Conservation Data Center: Rare Plant Community Tracking List;
   South Island Forest District (Appendix B).
   <a href="http://a100.gov.bc.ca/pub/eswp/">http://a100.gov.bc.ca/pub/eswp/</a>
- BC Conservation Data Center: Rare Vascular Plant Tracking List;
   South Island Forest District <a href="http://a100.gov.bc.ca/pub/eswp/">http://a100.gov.bc.ca/pub/eswp/</a>

### 2.1.2.1.2 Field Program

Cascadia Biological Services conducted field reconnaissance of the Study Area in May 2007 to July 17, 2008 during which time the following tasks were completed:

The vegetation of the Study Area was examined by establishing 20 m x 20 m vegetation quadrats within each of the different plant communities. The placement of these quadrats was decided upon based on a general reconnaissance of the Study Area while a GPS unit (Global Positioning System) was used to accurately plot each quadrat on a map (Appendix D – Biophysical Assessment Map). The following information was recorded:

- Complete list of plant species within the quadrat; and
- Presence of rare and endangered species.

Overall, a total of 5 distinct vegetation communities (sixth one identified on maps is a disturbed ecosystem and therefore not included in write up below) where assessed resulting in the following quadrats listed below:

Quadrat #1 – Douglas Fir/Arbutus Woodland Open Canopy Ecosystem

Quadrat #2 – Douglas Fir Woodland Ecosystem



Quadrat #3 – Riparian Ecosystem

Quadrat #4 – Garry Oak Meadow Ecosystem

Quadrat #5 – Garry Oak/Arbutus Woodland Ecosystem

The 5 ecosystem types above were delineated for further study based on overall size and importance within the Study Area.

#### 2.1.3 Assessment Results

Vegetation communities within the delineated Study Area consisted primarily of shrubs, coniferous and deciduous species in the young forest stage, several old growth vegetative polygons and flowers along rocky outcrops. Generally speaking, the vegetative composition of the Study Area can be summarized, by ecosystem type, as follows in Table 2 below:

**Table 2. Ecosystem Summary Table** 

Vegetation Community	% Area of Site
Douglas fir/Arbutus Ecosystem	55%
Garry Oak/Arbutus Ecosystem	15%
Garry Oak Meadow	10%
Riparian Ecosystem	10%
Douglas Fir Woodland Ecosystem	8%
Disturbed Ecosystem	2%

Of the individual plant species encountered, none were listed on the *Conservation Data Centre: Rare Vascular Plant/Vegetative Communities Tracking List – South Island Forest District* (Refer to *Appendix C*). Refer to *Appendix D -Biophysical Map* for quadrat locations. For a complete list of plants identified in the delineated Study Area, refer to Tables 3-7 below. Please note that this list is a summary of plant species identified in our quadrat assessments and is indicative of the Study Area during late



spring/early summer, and by no means represents the Study Area as a whole due to seasonal variability in plant species. As areas of special concern (rocky outcrops, woodland etc.) where sometimes identified immediately outside of the established quadrats, plants species identified during these assessments have been included into the nearest quadrat location.



Table 3. Quadrat #1 – Douglas Fir/Arbutus Woodland Open Canopy Ecosystem

Average Canopy Closure- 35%

Douglas fir  Garry Oak  Arbutus  Arbutus Menziesii  Big-leaf maple  Acer macrophyllum  Trumpeter honeysuckle  Lonicera ciliosa  Small-flowered alumroot  Heuchera micraantha  Nodding onion  Allium cernuum  American vetch  Vicia American  Baldhip rose  Rosa Gymnocarpa  Dull Oregon grape  Mahonia nervosa  Hairy honeysuckle  Lonicera hispidula  Maidenhair fern  Adiantum pedatum	
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Hairy honeysuckle  Lonicera hispidula	
Maidenhair fern Adiantum pedatum	
Oceanspray Holodiscus discolour	
Prince's pine Chimaphila umbellate	
Salal Gaultheria shallon	
Scotch broom Cytisus scoparius	
Sword fern Polystichum munitum	
Trailing blackberry Rubus ursinus	
Twinflower Linnaea borealis	
Wall lettuce Lactuca muralis	
Yerba Buena Satureja douglasii	
Moss all sp. Total cover	
Grasses al sp. Total cover	





Plate #1 – Typical view of Douglas fir/Arbutus open canopy ecosystem

Above is a typical view of the Douglas fir/Arbutus ecosystem within the Study Area. Encompassing approximately 55% of the total Study Area (excluding wetted ecosystems) this ecosystem represents the largest vegetative community in our Study Area.



Table 4. Quadrat #2 – Douglas Fir Woodland Ecosystem

**Average Canopy Closure- 70%** 

Scientific name
Psuedotsuga menziesii
Acer macrophyllum
Abies grandis
Arbutus Menziesii
Mahonia nervosa
Lonicera hispidula
Holodiscus discolor
Gaultheria shallon
Rosa Gymnocarpa
Goodyera oblongifolia
Sanicle crassicaulis
Maelanchier alnifolia
Galium triflorum
Satureja douglasii
Rubus ursinus
Linnaea borealis
Lactuca muralis
Lonicera ciliosa





Plate #2 – Typical view of Douglas fir woodland ecosystem (opposite side of lake)

Above is a typical view of a Douglas fir woodland ecosystem within the Study Area. Encompassing approximately 8% of the total Study Area (excluding wetted ecosystems) this ecosystem is primarily limited to the north slope of Notch Hill and can be seen in the background of the above photograph.

Table 5. Quadrat #3 – Riparian ecosystem (RI)

Average Canopy Closure- 70%

Common Name	Scientific name
Red alder	Alnus rubra
Big-leaf maple	Acer macrophyllum
Douglas fir	Quercus garryana
Pacific water-parsley	Oenanthe sarmentosa
Field mint	Mentha arvensis



Trailing blackberry	Rubus ursinus
Wall lettuce	Lactuca muralis
Braken fern	Pteridium aquilinum
Salmonberry	Rubus specabilis
Skunk cabbage	Lysichiton americanum
Herb-roberts geranium	Geranium robertianmum
Sweet-scented bedstraw	Galium triflorum
Common mare's-tail	Hippuris vulgaris
Rose campion	Lychnis coronaria
False bugbane	Trautvetteria caroliniensis
Oceanspray	Holodiscus discolor



Plate #3 – Typical view of Riparian ecosystem ground cover

Above is a typical view of a riparian ecosystem within the Study Area. Encompassing approximately 10% of the total Study Area (excluding wetted ecosystems) this ecosystem



is primarily found within the 20-30m of significant waterbodies measured from the high water mark.

**Table 6. Quadrat #4** – Garry Oak Meadow (GOM)

**Average Canopy Closure-8%** 

Common Name	Scientific name
Douglas fir	Psuedotsuga menziesii
Garry Oak	Quercus garryana
Arbutus	Arbutus Menziesii
Coastal reindeer lichen	Cladina portentosa
Common dandelion	Taraxacum officiniale
Hairy honeysuckle	Lonicera hispidula
Meadow death-cammas	Zygadenus venenosus
Oceanspray	Holodiscus discolor
Saskatoon berry	Maelanchier alnifolia
Scotch broom	Cytisus scoparius
Yarrow	Achilea millefolium
Menzie's Pipsissewa	Chimaphila menziessi





Plate #4 – Typical view of Garry Oak meadow ecosystem

Above is a typical view of a Garry Oak Meadow ecosystem within the Study Area. Encompassing approximately 10% of the total Study Area (excluding wetted ecosystems) this ecosystem is primarily limited to the south facing slopes along the northwestern and southeastern corners of the Study Area.

**Table 7. Quadrat #5** – Garry Oak/Arbutus woodland ecosystem (GO/AB)

Average Canopy Closure- 8%

Common Name	Scientific name
Douglas fir	Psuedotsuga menziesii
Garry Oak	Quercus garryana
Arbutus	Arbutus Menziesii
Coastal reindeer lichen	Cladina portentosa
Common dandelion	Taraxacum officiniale
Freckle pelt	Peltigera Britannica



Hairy honeysuckle	Lonicera hispidula
Himalayan blackberry	Rubus discolor
Dull-oregon grape	Mahonia nervosa
Baldhip rose	Rosa Gymnocarpa
Oceanspray	Holodiscus discolor
Scotch broom	Cytisus scoparius
Meadow death-cammas	Zygadenus venenosus
Trailing blackberry	Rubus ursinus
Twinflower	Linnaea borealis
Wall lettuce	Lactuca muralis
Wood saxifrage	Saxifraga mertensiana
Yerba Buena	Satureja douglasii
Yarrow	Achilea millefolium



Plate #5 – Typical view of Garry Oak/Arbutus ecosystem



Above is a typical view of a Garry Oak/Arbutus ecosystem within the Study Area. Encompassing approximately 15% of the total Study Area (excluding wetted ecosystems) this ecosystem is primarily limited to south facing slopes along the fringes of the Garry Oak meadow polygons.

# 2.1.4 Rare and Endangered Vascular Plants and Plant Communities

#### 2.1.4.1 Rare and Endangered Vascular Plants

The Conservation Data Centre (CDC) reports the occurrence of 164 taxa of rare and endangered vascular plants within the South Island Forest District, including 86 blue-listed and 78 red-listed species (Refer to *Appendix B – BCCDC Rare Vascular Plants* (*South Island*)). Rare and endangered species are categorized into 'red' 'blue' and 'yellow' lists. Red listed species include species that are extirpated in British Columbia, in danger of becoming extirpated, or threatened. Blue listed species are species that are sensitive or vulnerable to human activity or habitat encroachment. Yellow-listed taxa are those species or subspecies that are not red or blue listed. Based on Study Area observations, no red/blue listed plant species were observed.

# 2.1.4.2 Rare and Endangered Plant Communities

The CDC reports the occurrence of 35 rare and endangered plant communities in the South Island Forest District within the CDFmm, including 28 red-listed and 7 blue-listed plant communities (Refer to *Appendix C – BCCDC Rare Plant Communities - South Island*). Based on Study Area observations, three red/blue-listed communities were identified, being Douglas fir/Arbutus, Garry Oak/Arbutus on rocky outcrops and Garry Oak meadows (California Brome subdominant). Overall sensitivities for the above listed ecosystems range from low-moderate for the Douglas fir/Arbutus ecosystems and high for the Garry Oak/Arbutus and Garry Oak meadows as they are in late successional stages of development. Refer to *Appendix E – Ecosystem Map* for polygon locations. Due to the high habitat values associated with some of the larger Garry Oak polygons, a



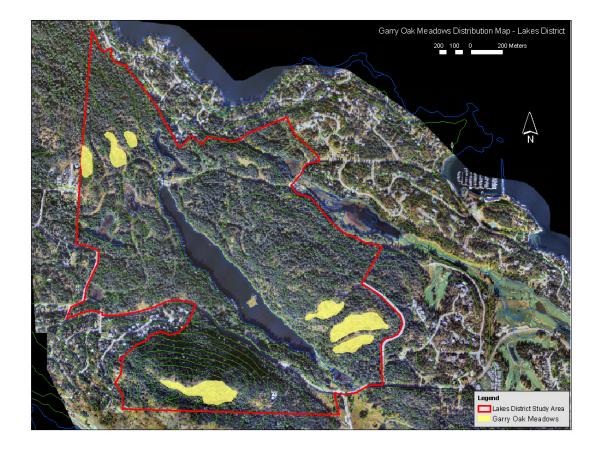
separate section labelled 2.1.4.3 Garry Oak Meadows Within the Fairwinds Lakes District is discussed in further detail below.

# 2.1.4.3 Garry Oak Meadows Within the Fairwinds Lakes District

Located primarily within three distinct areas of the proposed Fairwinds Lakes District over seven polygons (refer to Figure 2 below), the Garry Oak meadows cover an area of approximately 153,622 square meters (37 acres). Consisting primarily of Garry Oak in the canopy layer often in association with lesser percentages of Arbutus, the shrub and herb layers often consists of Ocean-spray and common camas. A dense moss and lichen layer, consisting mainly of rock moss, is common. The Garry Oak ecosystem is generally characterized by sparse-to-open mixed forest with herbaceous layer dominated by bryophytes (mosses) and a dense mixture of spring wildflowers and grasses. In association with the above, the Garry Oak meadows often have a multitude of small to large mammals and are home to variety of bird species as well as various reptiles including the northern alligator lizard and both the northwestern and northern terrestrial garter snakes. As a result of the overall rareness of these ecosystems within British Columbia and Canada and the listing of this ecosystem with the British Columbia Conservation Data Centre (BC CDC), the Fairwinds Development group, in consultation with the Garry Oak Ecosystem Recovery Team (GOERT), have excluded any of these ecosystems from housing development and building footprints. This includes maintaining an average buffer around these ecosystems of typically 10m to ensure building areas do not disturb the polygons. Further to the above, smaller Garry Oak polygons (less than a 1000 square meters in area) will be protected where possible by conservation covenants registered with individual property owners. To ensure these covenants are left in a natural state, photopoint monitoring will be initiated to document the natural state prior to construction in and around the interface of areas deemed sensitive.



Figure 2. Garry Oak Meadows Distribution Map





# 2.2 WILDLIFE

# 2.2.1 Survey Methodology

All wildlife surveys conducted on the Study Area were performed as much as possible according to Resource Inventory Committee and/or Canadian Wildlife Service standards where possible. Secondary source information was collected using various government databases and internet searches.

# 2.2.1.1 Raptors and Breeding Bird Inventory

The raptor and breeding bird surveys used a two-part methodology:

- An office background information search; and
- A field study preparation with Study Area inspections.

Presented below are the detailed methodologies used to assess the potential red/blue/yellow listed passerine and raptor habitat use of the delineated Study Area.

#### 2.2.1.1.1 Office Study

The following office preparation was performed prior to the field surveys:

- Review of BC Ministry documents "Standard Inventory Methodologies for Components of British Columbia's Biodiversity: Raptors" (Version 1.1);
- Review of "Inventory Dataforms for Raptors Standards for Components of British Columbia's Biodiversity No. 11 [Forms]";
- Review of relevant mapping for the Study Area (i.e. topographic mapping, aerial photography); and
- Review of target species including those identified by the British
   Columia Conservation Data Centre (BC CDC) as red and/or blue listed



as well as related habitat use, feeding behaviour, breeding behavior, and species vocalizations.

# 2.2.1.1.2 Field Study

# Sample Design

The study design followed the:

- Resource Inventory Committee's (RIC) presence/not detected protocols of "Standard Inventory Methodologies for Components of British Columbia's Biodiversity: Raptors (Version 1.1) Sections 3.3.3, 3.3.4, 3.3.6 and 3.3.7;
- Canadian Wildlife Service's (CWS) "Forest Bird Monitoring Program (FBMP)"; and
- Environment Canada's (Env. Can.) "Breeding Bird Survey (BBS)".

To ensure adequate detection of all species present, our Study Area was delineated into eight separate transects which were equally spaced. (Refer to *Appendix D – Biophysical Assessment Map*). Transects were labelled from 1- 8 starting from the northwest corner and going in a counter clockwise direction in an attempt to capture representative cross sections of all areas of the property. Further to the assessments along these transects, individual point count stations were set up at key locations along the length of the transect ensuring that the majority of the Study Area would be surveyed/inventoried and therefore thoroughly covered using protocols of "standwatch" and roadside call playback methodology. Transects also sampled the different vegetational structure and their structural stages. Additionally, the methodology ensured that the Study Area would be thoroughly covered including possible building locations as well as future roads having the greatest potential impact on the target species.



Any passerine and raptor visual encounters along with auditory accounts (songs/calls) were recorded during each point count survey, roadside call playbacks as well as throughout the site inventory survey as incidental sightings.

Foot (transect) surveys followed the procedures outlined in "Standard Inventory Methodologies for Components of British Columbia's Biodiversity: Raptors (Version 1.1) Section 3.3.6. This method was used to supplement point count, roadside and call playback surveys in order to verify any presence/not detected (but possible) occurrence of breeding raptors, any heronry areas (nests) or significant passerine, and to identify any nests on the property.

Most survey effort to locate raptor (hawk, owl, eagle) and passerine nest presence was focused on areas in the woodlots. This included observing all tree tops of older second generation conifer trees found on site with a high powered and anchored spotting scope.

# Stand Watch (Point Count) and Nocturnal Call Playback Surveys

# "Stand Watch" (Point Counts) Methodology

Procedures used in the survey are outlined in "Standard Inventory Methodologies for Components of British Columbia's Biodiversity: Raptors (Version 1.1) Section 3.3.7", CWS FBMP and Env. Can. BBS.

Point counts were spaced approximately 100m apart along transects and covered all of the Study Area where the proposed development pod footprints and roads were the highest. Each involved a five-minute survey at their stop location using the following:

- standing and watching the surrounding area for bird species; followed by
- recording the number of all birds seen (visuals) and heard (song/call) within a radius of approximately 100 m.

Results of these surveys are presented in Tables 8-10

# Nocturnal Roadside Call Playback Survey Methodology



The roadside call playback surveys for nocturnal raptors followed procedures outlined in "Standard Inventory Methodologies for Components of British Columbia's Biodiversity: Raptors (Version 1.1) Section 3.3.3".

Calls and songs of five target species potentially occurring in the Study Area were played at Owl Calling Stations (OCS) 1-4, (Refer to *Appendix D – Biophysical Map*). Call playbacks were played at each station using a tape recorder for a period of three minutes/target species for a total of fifteen minutes. Following the call/song vocalisations, the observer looked and listened for a visual and/or vocal response of that target species, both during and after each call and song was played. All call playback surveys were conducted by foot.

Target species songs and calls used at the OCS station were as follows; each call/song was played in the following order ensuring that the smallest birds were first and the largest birds called last as per standards:

- 1) Northern Saw-whet Owl (NSWO);
- 2) Northern Pygmy Owl (NOPO) Blue-listed;
- 3) Western Screech Owl (WESO) Blue-listed;
- 4) Barred Owl (BDOW); and
- 5) Great-horned Owl (GHOW).

#### 2.2.1.2 Amphibian Survey

The aim of this inventory was to sample the Study Area by conducting a herpetifaunal survey of reptiles and amphibians along any watercourse and/or wetland on the property. Additionally, areas of greatest sensitivity (adjacent to wetlands) with respect to herpetifaunal habitat were surveyed with greater intensity.

This survey involved a two-part methodology:

• An office background information search; and



• A field study preparation with Study Area visit.

Presented below are the details to the methodologies used to assess the presence/not-detected status potential of the red/blue-listed herpetifauna in the delineated Study Area.

# Office Preparation

The following office preparation was performed prior to the field surveys:

- Review of the introductory manual, *Species Inventory Fundamentals* (*No. 1*);
- Review of 1:20,000 and 1:5,000 scale maps of the project area;
- Review of BC Ministry documents "Standard Inventory Methodologies for Snakes Standards for Components of British Columbia's Biodiversity No. 38: Snakes" (Version 2.0);
- Review of BC Ministry documents Inventory Methods for Pondbreeding Amphibians and Painted Turtle Standards for Components of British Columbia's Biodiversity No. 37 (Version 2.0);
- Relevant mapping for the Study Area i.e. topographic mapping, aerial photography); and
- Review of target species including habitat use, feeding behaviour, and breeding behaviour.

#### Field Study

# Sample Design for Amphibians

The amphibian surveys focused on identifying the presence/not-detected status of any herpetifauna but special focus was on the blue listed species the red-legged frog. Although this blue listed species and its habitat identifications were of focus, all incidental amphibian sightings during the survey period were recorded.



The presence/not-detected inventory status of herpetifuauna within the Study Area followed methodologies outlined in "Inventory Methods for Pond-breeding Amphibians and Painted Turtle Standards for Components of British Columbia's Biodiversity No. 37 (Version 2.0)." Survey methodologies followed RIC protocol and included:

- Auditory surveys;
- Road/Transect Surveys;
- Time-constrained searches; and
- Systematic surveys.

Further, following the review of aerial photo interpretation amphibian survey habitat inventory locations were identified along the transect. These focused on areas of watercourses and ponded water habitat along riparian edges of all wetlands/lakes as well as on accessible roads with characteristic habitat for the target and other herpetifaunal species.

# **Auditory Surveys**

Auditory surveys were only conducted during evening hours at dusk along with the nocturnal raptor survey. This method of survey involved listening for the calls of male frogs and toads along wetlands accessible during evening/night times.

This survey followed the methodology outlined in Canadian Wildlife Service's "North American Amphibian Monitoring Program (NAAMP)". Surveys were conducted during the evening at all wetlands. The following methodology was used as part of the RIC protocols:

- A stratified, randomized approach was used for all sites;
- Areas of systematic sampling along the roads accessing the property, roads or around any associated wetlands, the listening stations were set at regular intervals of approximately 100m apart and were incorporated as part of the nocturnal raptor survey;
- Each survey stop lasted fifteen minutes and followed NAAMP guidelines;



- Surveys were carried out after dark; approximately one hour after dusk; and
- All species heard were recorded.

# Roadside Transect Surveys

The road surveys were conducted during the evening in conjunction with the nocturnal raptor surveys. Survey structure was consistent with RIC protocols and was designed as follows:

- All stations were incorporated periodically along the road's length (50m apart);
- Where possible, as a process of random stratified sampling, point count locations included areas of small potential breeding ponds and any encountered waterbody areas;
- Where accessible, all roadside ditches were checked during daylight and evening hours;
- Access for the surveys was foot;
- Access to each point was walked at slow speeds (approximately 2 km/h), using flashlights; and
- Attention was paid to potential road kills and any herpetifauna/animal moving across or from the road.

# Time-constrained searches

Time-constrained searches involved searching areas of the Study Area that are likely to contain the target species. Searches were performed primarily during the day, following the review of aerial photo interpretation. The amphibian survey was stratified based on their expected occurrence at selected locations. Search effort focused on areas where they were most likely to occur (wetted depressions, streams etc.).

#### Systematic Searches

Searches for salamanders' larvae and any adult forms were performed along all wetted drainages/ponds within the Study Area. Randomly chosen sections of Stream #1 through



Stream #9 were surveyed for any metamorphosed salamanders. As well, all potential rocks (hiding sites) were overturned where possible around the perimeter of all wetlands. For the identification of any larval stage of salamander and/or red-legged frog along wetted areas, the following survey methodologies were employed:

- foot searches uncovering any woody debris or aquatic vegetation were performed and all vegetation was assessed for egg masses during the foot searches of the ponds;
- 5 MT sites for a period of 72 hrs, 25 Gee traps (minnow traps) baited with cat
  food were placed in all waterbodies and in depressions that where wet at the time
  of our survey and checked daily. Each trap was recovered and checked for the
  presence of any larval salamanders and/or tadpoles of the red-legged frog as well
  as for all other species of amphibians;
- any shallow pools and areas of warm water in the ponds and sections of ephemeral drainages were examined for tadpoles and salamanders; and
- All species seen or heard were recorded, together with any necessary habitat information.

#### 2.2.1.3 Small Mammal Survey

This survey focused on the entire Study Area and followed the MoE Inventory Branch for the Terrestrial Ecosystems Task Force Resource Inventory Committee (RIC) protocols.

## **Office Procedures**

The following office preparation was performed prior to the field surveys:

Review of the "Inventory Methods for Small Mammals: Shrews, Voles, Mice & Rats", Standards for Components of British Columbia's Biodiversity, No. 31 (1998);



- Review the introductory manual No. 1 Species Inventory Fundamentals;
- Determine species to be studied;
- Obtain maps for project and Study Area (1:20 000 TRIM maps, 1:5,000 planning maps);
- Determine approximate location of Study Area(s) within this project area;
- Stratify Study Areas based on habitats; and
- Determine sampling area dimensions, trap spacing, trapping intervals.

## Field Sampling Procedures

# Sample Design

This study involved determining the presence/non-detected status of species by establishing randomly located traps sites along a transect (index lines) within the Study Area (Small Mammal Trap 14 locations – SMT1 -14). The number of traps along the transect was dependent on the potential species, estimated population levels and the objectives of the study (to find presence/non-detected status of small mammals). Live traps were used to provide a means of live-capturing individuals whereas snap traps result in the permanent removal of captured individuals. The following methodology was used during the survey:

- All traps were placed in areas where rodents and small to medium sized mammals were expected to occur in the project Study Area;
- Five small traps (mice, shrews etc.) and two larger traps (used at one location for weasels, raccoons, cats etc.) were used.
- Each type of vegetation unit on the Study Area was sampled using this methodology and traps were placed in homogeneous habitat (*Appendix D*, *Biophysical Assessment Map*);
- GPS datapoints units were taken for each trap location;
- All traps were flagged with flagging tape at capture stations;



- Traps were placed >2m apart in microclimate sites that would attract shrews and mice, etc. These included positions along or under woody debris or rocks, under bushes, along travel trails;
- Each trap was baited with peanut butter (mice, shrews) and sardines (larger traps);
- Traps were set in the late afternoon and checked the following afternoon to minimize mortalities and trap stress;
- Captured individuals were identified to species;
- Trapping sessions occurred over a period of 72 hrs.
- On completion of the study all traps were removed;

# 2.2.1.4 Large Mammal Survey

The purpose of the large mammal ground survey was to:

- Assess the presence/not detected (possible) status of any mammals in habitat identified through topographic mapping;
- Identify areas for potential habitat use; and
- Record observations of any mammal presence (incidental sightings).

The following ground-based survey protocol was conducted for this phase of the large mammal survey:

# Office Study

- Review of BC Ministry documents Section 2 "Conducting Wildlife Inventory" in the introductory manual, *Species Inventory Fundamentals (No.1).*;
- Review of mapping for the area (i.e. air photo, 1:5,000 scale and topographic mapping, 1:20,000 scale TRIM mapping);



- Identify areas for potential habitat use and
- Identify all transects to be performed for field study.

# Sample Design

This survey involved the assessment of large mammals using presence/not-detected surveys. There were two goals of using this inventory methodology:

To make a list of observed species for the Study Area; and to determine species/habitat associations.

This was made based on the identification of the following:

- Scat sign;
- Track sign;
- Forage/browse sign;
- Scrapings;
- Historical information compilation and
- Direct field observation.

The method of ground-based sampling used for the survey was structured using *Transect Methodology (Encounter Transects)*. Protocol for this ground-based survey followed the procedures as outlined in *Species Inventory Fundamentals Standards for Components of British Columbia's Biodiversity No.1*. The ground-based surveys were performed during the day and evening (during the nocturnal raptor survey). During the day ground surveys commenced as soon as it was light enough to classify animals on the ground (0630 hrs.). Using binoculars transects were walked as well as along the existing trails and roads.

# **Species Ratings and Accounts**

# **Background**



Attached in Appendix A, is a list of BC Conservation Data Centre's Rare Vertebrate Animal Tracking List for the South Island Forest District (2008). Red and Blue rated vertebrates potentially occurring within this Forest District are listed.

The COSEWIC and British Columbia's Red, Blue and Yellow rating status definition for each species identified are presented below.

COSEWIC ratings for species have been defined the following ways:

Extinct - A species that no longer exists.

**Extirpated** - A species that no longer exists in the wild in Canada, but occurring elsewhere (for example, in captivity or in the wild in the United States).

**Endangered** - A species facing imminent extirpation or extinction.

**Threatened -** A species likely to become endangered if limiting factors are not reversed.

**Vulnerable -** A species of special concern because of characteristics that make it particularly sensitive to human activities or natural events.

**Not At Risk -** A species that has been evaluated and found to be not at risk.

**Indeterminate -** A species for which there is insufficient scientific information to support status designation.

Red, Blue and Yellow status as defined by the B.C. Conservation Data Centre's Red, Blue and Yellow definitions are as follows:

#### Red list:

Includes any indigenous species or subspecies (taxa) considered to be Extirpated, Endangered, or Threatened in British Columbia. Extirpated taxa no longer exist in the wild in British Columbia, but do occur elsewhere. Endangered taxa are facing imminent extirpation or extinction. Threatened taxa are likely to become endangered if limiting factors are not reversed. Red-listed taxa include those that have been, or are being, evaluated for these designations.

#### Blue List:

Includes any indigenous species or subspecies (taxa) considered to be Vulnerable in British Columbia. Vulnerable taxa are of special concern because of characteristics that make them particularly sensitive to human activities or natural events. Blue-listed taxa are at risk, but are not Extirpated, Endangered or Threatened.



#### Yellow list:

Any indigenous species or subspecies (taxa), which is not at risk in British Columbia. The CDC tracks some Yellow listed taxa, which are vulnerable during times of seasonal concentration (eg. breeding colonies).

Raptors listed in BC Conservation Data Centre's Rare Vertebrate Animal Tracking List South Island Forest District (2008) and their COSEWIC status are presented in a species evaluation below. Presented as well, are the "target species" (defined by "\*") – raptors that have the potential to occur in the Study Area. Evaluating the habitat necessary to sustain the raptor and comparing these requirements to the Study Areas attributes have selected the target species. Study Area attributes have been taken from vegetation analysis during the fieldwork exercise and a review of BEC zone inventory data, forest cover mapping by the evaluation of the Study Area general vegetative structure, and field surveys.

Presented below is a short summary that describes the habitat requirements and the potential for occurrence of each targeted Red/Blue or Yellow Listed animal in the South Island Forest District.

Select Accounts of Red/Blue/Yellow Raptor Species Potentially Occurring on the Study Area

Order Falconiformes

## Family Accipitridae

#### Bald Eagle (Haliaetus leucocephalus), BAEA - Yellow Listed

The bald eagle is listed Yellow by the CDC in the South Island Forest District (April 2008) and is not listed with COSEWIC.

The habitat in the Study Area is well suitable for breeding or foraging for this species. The bald eagle is primarily associated with aquatic habitats including seashores, lakes, rivers, sloughs, and marshes (Campbell *et. al.* 1990, Bent 1937 and Palmer, 1988). Most



nests of this species along the coast have been no further than 100 m from the shore of a large water body (Campbell *et. al.* 1990).

Bald eagles were found nesting at several locations on the property. Refer to *Appendix H* – *Environmental Constraints Map* (wildlife trees) for approximate locations of the nests.

## Northern Goshawk (Accipiter gentilis), NOGO – Red-listed

Two subspecies of the northern goshawk occur in British Columbia: A. g. atricapillus and A. g. laingi. A. g. laingi is RED-listed because the population is sparse, restricted to coastal forest, and heavily reliant on mature-to-old forest. It is designated as vulnerable in Canada by COSEWIC. A. g. atricapillus is considered to be regionally important. It is considered a species of conservation concern because it is associated with habitats that are becoming rare, and it is a species for which B.C. has a global responsibility because adjacent jurisdictions have listed it at risk. The northern goshawk (Accipiter gentilis atricapillus) is designated as "not at risk" by COSEWIC for all provinces and territories in Canada as of 1995.

For the northern goshawk major prey are usually associated with old-growth forests or forest edges. The "nest area", may contain several nest sites, is approximately 12 ha, and characterized by several stands of large, old trees with dense canopy cover (Crocker-Bedford 1990, Palmer 1988). Northern goshawk foraging area occupies about 2,400 ha including the post-fledging area (Austin 1994). It may include a diversity of landforms and forest cover types, but areas with greater canopy cover, greater basal area, and more trees per hectare are used more frequently in some parts of the species range within mature forest and old forest interspersed with low and tall shrubs (Bright-Smith 1994, Crocker-Bedford 1990, Palmer 1988).

Northern goshawk nest area is situated in stands of large trees, with dense canopies and relatively open understories. Nesting habitat is typically on gentle slopes, usually less than 30% slope, and always less than 60%. Post-fledging habitat contains numerous feeding perches (stumps, downed snags, large horizontal limbs below the canopy), and their relatively open understorey is thought to facilitate the pursuit and capture of prey (Graham *et. al.* 1994 Austin 1994)



Post-fledging habitat should provide abundant hunting opportunities to young, while maintaining higher than average cover from predators. This post-fledging area is characterized by a mosaic of structural stages, and coarse woody debris throughout the habitat, these provide extensive and varied habitat for the prey base of the Northern goshawk (Graham *et. al.* 1994).

Northern goshawks are expected on-site.

## American Peregrine Falcon (Falco peregrinus anatum), PEFA - Red Listed

This species has been designated by COSEWIC as threatened in BC. There are three sub species/races reported in North America. Of the three, the anatum (*F. p. anatum*) and Peale's race (*F. p. pealei*), are both located in BC. The tundrius peregrine (*F. p. tundrius*) is considered a transient through the province (Campbell *et. al.* 1990). Two of the PEFA sub species are considered at risk; the anatum and the tundrius are the only races officially listed as threatened (downlisted from endangered in 1999 USFWS) in the U.S. The tundrius has been recently changed to "Endangered" for Canada (COSEWIC) and the Peale's population is considered stable in BC.

The American peregrine falcon in BC breeds along the outer and inner coasts but tends to be centralized along sea bird colonies (Campbell *et. al.* 1990). With the exception of eyries in the Fraser lowlands (Campbell *et. al.* 1990), there are no known coastal mainland breeding sites (Campbell *et. al.* 1990). The American peregrine falcon prefer nest sites close to water (Palmer 1998), - niches in open terraces of cliffs and valleys in the province, not too high in elevation. Forage areas are favored when adjacent to lakes and large waterbodies (Bent 1937, Palmer 1998). As a result of the above habitat requirements, the overall Study Area is thought suitable for breeding and/or foraging for this species although no individuals have been documented to date.



# **Order Strigiformes**

## **Family Tytonidae**

## Barn Owl (Tyto alba), BNOW - Blue Listed

This species is Blue listed by the CDC in the South Island Forest District (April 2005). It is designated as vulnerable by COSEWIC in western Canada and endangered in eastern Canada since 1999.

The Barn owl breeds throughout the year in BC with its range restricted to the Fraser Lowlands, southern Vancouver Island and the odd occurrence in the Okanagan Valley (Campbell *et. al.* 1990). It prefers open country within agricultural systems, nesting in cavities, cliff crevices. Eggs and rears young year round (Bent 1937, Campbell *et. al.* 1990).

The Barn owl is common and most abundant in all of Canada in the Lower Mainland of BC (Campbell *et. al.* 1990). Highest concentrations and densities of this owl are along the coast (Campbell *et. al.* 1990). Although it is one of the most abundant owls in the Fraser Lower Mainland it is unlikely to occur in the Study Area because of the absence of foraging habitat. The family Tytonidae are evolutionarily a tropical owl and require larger than normal owl food requirements (VanTyne and Berger 1971). The Barn owl prefers open country associated with agricultural areas, but also frequents grasslands, river bottom meadows, and to a lesser extent, cities, and residential areas (Campbell *et. al.* 1990).

In the Fraser Lowlands the population is predominately resident where it breeds in old building structures adjacent to fields necessary for foraging. As a result of the habitat requirements, barn owls are not thought likely to occur within the Study Area, however, have the potential to occur given small tracks of suitable habitat.



Family Strigidae

# \*Western Screech-Owl (Otus kennicottii macfarlanei), WESO – Blue-listed

This species is currently indeterminate by COSEWIC in BC and listed as Blue in the South Island Forest District (June 2008). It is a target species for the survey as it has a moderate likelihood of occurring in the Study Area.

The western screech owl is an occupant of riparian deciduous areas roosting in cavities, nest boxes, trees vines and crevices (Campbell *et. al.* 1990, Bent 1937). Being quite adaptive, the western screech owl frequents orchards, parks and gardens in more urbanized areas. That said, because nesting of this species is likely to occur at elevations above 540 metres (Campbell *et. al.* 1990). These owls are not expected to breed within the Study Area and instead, may use the available habitat primarily for foraging.

## \*Great-horned Owl (Bubo virginianus saturatus), GHOW

The CDC does not list this species as Red, Blue or Yellow, nor is it listed with COSEWIC as a bird of concern in Canada. This bird is a target species for the Study Area as it has a moderate to high likelihood of occurring given the available habitat. The Great-horned owl is very common in BC being very versatile and occupying a number of habitats, quite commonly timberland areas. It frequents lakeshores, river valleys, agricultural and residential areas, swamps, fresh and brackish marine marshes, and estuaries (Campbell *et. al.* 1990) nesting in densities of one pair/8.2 km² (Kirley and Springer 1980).

As a resident (non-migratory) species, the Great-horned owl stays on the lower mainland year-round. It breeds throughout the province almost anywhere there are groups of small trees and it may be found in dense forests and/or open woodlots bordering lakes and streams. Nests have been discovered from sea level to approximately 1,220 m (Campbell *et. al.* 1990).

As a result of the above habitat requirements, the overall Study Area is thought suitable for breeding and/or foraging for this species.



# \*Northern Pygmy Owl (Glaucidium gnoma), NOPO – Blue-listed

This species has been designated as "not at risk" by COSEWIC in BC and is listed as a Blue species of concern by the CDC in the South Island Forest District (June 2008). This is a target species.

The northern pygmy owl is an uncommon resident across the province of BC and most abundant across the northwest and southern part of the province. Resident populations are restricted to the southern portions of the province (Campbell *et. al.* 1990). This owl occupies the edges of open coniferous forests or mixed woodlands of riparian thickets, damp and dry meadows, vacant city lots, parks, cemeteries and residential areas. The northern pygmy owl is primarily a cavity nester and as a result, its nests discovered in BC have been in old woodpecker holes of coniferous trees including Douglas-fir, western hemlock, and western larch. It has a moderate potential of occurring within the Study Area due to the presence of suitably sized trees.

# \*Barred Owl (Strix varia), BDOW

This species has been designated as "not at risk" by COSEWIC in BC and is not listed a species of concern by the CDC in the South Island Forest District (2003). The Barred owl is a target species.

The Barred owl is a resident across BC and a widespread breeder along the southern and eastern end of the province. Despite being primarily a bird of deep forests, preferring mixed coniferous woodlands (spruce, sub-alpine fir, western hemlock, lodgepole pine, western red cedar), it occurs less commonly in deciduous woodlots (Campbell *et. al.* 1990). The BDOW has been seen in areas such as farmlands, cities, and residential areas, it has been seen in riparian thicket, on railroad bridges, house awnings, ornamental trees, fence rows, television aerials, apartment balconies and trees in parks, school yards, and along busy streets to an elevation of approximately 1,250 m (Campbell *et. al.* 1990). Summer accounts in the coastal area of BC have been in Surrey, Vancouver, and on Mount Seymour.

Barred owls are expected within the Study Area.



# Short-Eared Owl (Asio flammeus) - Blue Listed

This species has been designated as vulnerable by COSEWIC in BC since 1994 and Blue listed by the CDC in the South Island Forest District (2003).

The Short-eared owl prefers large open fields for breeding and foraging. Short-eared owls are not expected on the Study Area.

# \*Northen Saw-whet Owl (Aegolius acadicus), NSWO

This owl species is designated as "not at risk" by COSEWIC in BC and is not listed a species of concern by the CDC in the South Vancouver Island Forest District (2003). The Northern saw-whet owl is a target species.

The Northern saw-whet owl is found primarily in forested habitats of mixed coniferous/deciduous stands to elevations from sea level to approximately 2,200 m (Campbell *et. al.* 1990). Species have been recorded on the coast in spring and summer in New Westminster and Surrey (Campbell *et. al.* 1990).

Northern saw-whet owls nest in old snags that have been excavated by woodpeckers (secondary cavity nesters). It has a moderate potential of occurring on-site due to the presence of suitably sized trees.

Select Accounts of Red/Blue/Yellow Amphibian Species Potentially Occurring on the Study Site

# Red-legged Frog (Rana aurora), Blue-listed

This species has been designated as vulnerable by COSEWIC in BC and Blue listed by the CDC in the South Island Forest District (2008).

Outside of the breeding season, these frogs are highly terrestrial and can be found in forests far from standing water. They can occasionally be found inside decayed logs. Breeding takes place early in the spring in shallow water in permanent ponds and swamps. This frog calls underwater and the calls are weak so it is difficult to hear above water. Eggs, which are layed in a large (20 to 30 cm) loose gelatinous clusters tend to deteriorate toward the end of embryonic development. The embryos develop and hatch after about four weeks of development, and the tadpoles transform after four or five



This small mammal prefers dense, moist coniferous forests, on beaches, and in marshes, in heavily wooded, wet areas, on the banks of sluggish streams, in beach debris, and during winter rainy season may be found well away from water. It is found primarily near estuaries, wetlands, lakes, streams, and in agricultural areas and riparian forests. It is insectivorous with foods including soft-bodied arthropods and terrestrial and aquatic invertebrates; insect larvae, slugs and snails, Ephemeroptera naiads, earthworms and unidentified invertebrates, primarily aquatic.

It has a high potential of occurring on the Study Area.

# Vancouver Island Ermine (Mustella ermina anguinae), Red-listed

While COSEWIC in BC has rated the sub species *M. e. haidarum* as vulnerable this sub species is not recognized by COSEWIC and it has been Red listed by the CDC in the South Island Forest District (2008).

The ermine, or short-tailed weasel is intermediate in size between the long-tailed weasel and the least weasel. It inhabits a variety of habitats. In North America, it is most abundant in boreal, montane, and Pacific Coast coniferous forests. Ermines avoid dense forests and settle in successional or forest-edge habitats, wet meadows, marshes, ditches, riparian woodlands, or riverbanks with high densities of small mammals. Ermine exhibit a decided preference for early successional communities and avoided forested habitats and male ermine were more often associated with shrubs than were females. Males generally occupy a wider range of habitats than females and both male and female ermines occupy more habitat types during spring and summer than during fall and winter. Given the large diversity of available habitat within the Study Area, this species has a moderate potential of occurring in our Study Area.



#### 2.2.2 Assessment Results

# 2.2.2.1 Bird Inventory

The bird survey was conducted on various dates in between September 2006 and July 2008. The night/nocturnal surveys were completed on the evening of January 16<sup>th</sup> 2007. A total of 62 bird species (passerines and raptors) were encountered on the Study Area during the transect survey and as incidental sightings. As point count stations/owl calling stations were aligned along designated transects, the summary table below incorporates all birds identified to the nearest transect location and number. The following summarizes the results of the transect/point count and roadside call playback surveys performed on the delineated Study Area over a two year period.



Table 8. Summary Table of Passerine Bird Survey

Transect #	Date	Total Species Encountered Along Each Transect	Red/Blue Species Encountered
1	Various	11	0
	2008		
2	Various 2008	13	0
3	Various 2008	8	0
4	Various 2008	10	0
5	Various 2008	13	0
6	Various 2008	18	1
7	Various 2008	9	0
8	Various 2008	10	0
TOTAL		92	0

Detailed information on species observed is presented below in Table 9 and 10.



Table 9. Species Abundance and Diversity Along Each Transect

Transect	No. of Individuals Observed at Each Station
1	20
2	26
3	9
4	14
5	19
6	35
7	15
8	17
Total	155

**Table 10 Avian Species List** 

Coopers hawk	Accipiter cooperii
Sharp-shined hawk	Accipiter striatus
Red-winged blackbird	Agelaius phoeniceus
American wigeon	Anas Americana
Green winged teal	Anas crecca
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos
Great blue heron	Ardeus Herodias
Ring-necked duck	Aythya collaris
Cedar waxwing	Bombycillia cedrorum
Ruffed Grouse	Bonasa umbella
Canada Goose	Branta canadensis
Great-horned owl	Bubo virginianus
Bufflehead	Bucephala albeola
Common goldeneye	Bucephala clangula



Red-tailed hawk	Buteo jamaicensis
California Quail	Callipepla californica
House Finch	Carpodacus mexicanus
Turkey vulture	Cathartes aura
Hermit thrush	Catharus guttatus
Brown creeper	Certhia Americana
Belted kingfisher	Ceryle alcyon
Northern Flicker	Colaptes auratus
Oliveside flycatcher	Contopus cooperi
Northwestern Crow	Corvus caurinus
Common Raven	Corvus corax
Stellar's jay	Cyanocitta stelleri
Tundra swan	Cyganus columbianus
Mute swan	Cygnus olor
Yellow-rumped warbler	Dendroica coronata
Townsends warbler	Dendroica townsendi
Pileated wood pecker	Dryocopus pileatus
Dusky flycatcher	Empidonax oberholseri
Merlin	Falco columbarius
American kestrel	Falco sparverius
Bald eagle	Haliaeetus leucocephalus
Barn swallow	Hirundo rustica
Varied thrush	Ixoreus naevius
Dark-eyed junco	Junco hyemalis
Hooded merganser	Lophodytes cucullatus
Song Sparrow	Melospiza melodia
Common merganser	Mergus merganser
Savannah sparrow	Passerculus sandwichensis
Fox sparrow	Passerella iliaca



Black-headed grosbeck	Pheucticus melanocephalus
Downy woodpecker	Picoides pubescens
Hairy woodpecker	Picoides villosus
Spotted Towhee	Pipilo maculates
Chestnut-backed chickadee	Poecile sclateri
Golden-crowned kinglet	Regulus satrapa
Roufous hummingbird	Selasphorus rufus
Red-breasted nuthatch	Sitta Canadensis
Red-breasted sapsucker	Sphyrapicus nuchalis
Barred Owl	Strix varia
European starling	Sturnus vulgaris
Bewick's wren	Thryomanes bewickii
Winter wren	Troglodytes troglodytes
American robin	Turdus Migratorius
Hutton's vireo	Vireo huttoni
Vireo Spp.	Vireo NA
Wilson's Warbler	Wilson's warbler

# Diurnal Stand Watch/Point Counts

The greatest number of individuals and species diversity was observed along transect 6 and the lowest was along transect 3. No heronry/rookery sites were noted within the Study Area during the survey despite meticulous searching with a high powered/anchored spotting scope. The Study Area does however have moderate-high foraging opportunities as well as good resting/perching opportunities for diurnal raptors.

# Nocturnal Stand Watch/Point Counts

The nocturnal raptors (owls) survey was conducted the evening of January 15<sup>th</sup> 2007 at four raptor/owl calling station (OCS #1- #4), which had been established at what was



assumed to be an excellent calling location (*Appendix D – Biophysical Assessment Map*). The site proved to be successful in luring in 2 Great Horned-Owls as well as 2 Barred Owls. The arrival of the owls from the west (approximately 20 minutes after the initiation of calls – Owl Calling Station #3) suggests that they are most probably nesting within the Study Area.

## 2.2.2.2 Amphibian Survey

The amphibian survey was conducted on various dates in between March 2007 and July 2008.

A total of 11 roughskin newts, 6 red-legged frogs and 22 pacific tree frogs were encountered during the survey period. Transects were the same as the bird inventory transects. All wetlands and adjacent riparian areas as well as woodland trails were surveyed for species.

In total, approximately 7hours of survey time was spent searching a range of locations and habitats throughout the Study Area, including:

- All ephemeral drainages and wetted depressions; and
- All lakes and wetlands.

# **Auditory Survey Results**

One night was spent performing the auditory surveys (January 15<sup>th</sup> 2007). This was performed in part during the nocturnal raptor survey. Any visual and auditory accounts were recorded.

No red listed species of amphibians were heard or located during the survey period. The only recorded calls came from numerous breeding Pacific Tree Frogs (*Hyla regalis*) in various locations throughout the site.

Time Constraint and Systematic Search Results



This survey methodology was the most productive for amphibian encounters. A total of 39 individuals were found during the survey. A majority of effort was spent in the riparian ecosystem as well as along watercourses labelled S1 to S9. In these locations, the survey focused on frogs and salamanders.

The Pacific tree frog, red-legged frog and roughskin newt were the only species encountered during our survey and were located in both the streams and in the lakes/wetlands as well as in the isolated wetted depression. Species assessed are presented in *Table 11 below:* 



Table 11. Amphibians Encountered During Time Constraint and Systematic Searches

			Total	
Species	No.	Method	Time	Location
Roughskin newt	1	Minnow trap	72hrs.	Minnow trap #1
Pacific Tree Frog	3	Minnow trap	72hrs.	Minnow trap #1
Pacific Tree Frog	3	Minnow trap	72hrs.	Minnow trap #2
Red-legged frogs	2	Minnow trap	72hrs.	Minnow trap #2
Roughskin newt	1	Minnow trap	72hrs.	Minnow trap #2
Pacific Tree Frog	3	Minnow trap	72hrs.	Minnow trap #3
Red-legged frogs	1	Minnow trap	72hrs.	Minnow trap #3
Roughskin newt	4	Minnow trap	72hrs.	Minnow trap #3
Pacific Tree Frog	7	Minnow trap	72hrs.	Minnow trap #4
Red-legged frogs	2	Minnow trap	72hrs.	Minnow trap #4
Roughskin newt	3	Minnow trap	72hrs.	Minnow trap #4
Pacific Tree Frog	6	Minnow trap	72hrs.	Minnow trap #5
Roughskin newt	2	Minnow trap	72hrs.	Minnow trap #5
Red-legged frogs	1	Minnow trap	72hrs.	Minnow trap #5



Each minnow trap was checked after the 24 hour period ensuring minimal mortalities.

# 2.2.2.3 Small Mammal Survey

Fourteen (Havahart<sup>TM</sup>) traps (Small Mammal Traps – SMT 1 - 14) were set at various homogeneous vegetative areas within the Study Area (*Appendix D, Biophysical Assessment Map*) and each habitat type was sampled, where feasible. Larger traps were also placed at all small mammal trap locations, with the primary intention to observe mid size mammals including squirrels, racoons etc. The traps were recovered after a period of 48 hrs. (checked every 24 hr. period). Out of all the traps, 2 raccoons, 5 squirrels and 13 deer mice were caught. Please refer to Table 12 below:

**Table 12**. Results of Live Small and Medium Mammal Trapping

Trap Site Number	Species Captured
SMT #1	1 deer mouse, 1 grey squirrel
SMT #2	1 deer mouse
SMT #3	1 red squirrel, 1 raccoon
SMT #4	1 deer mouse
SMT #5	1 stellars jay
SMT #6	1 deer mouse, 1 raccoon
SMT #7	2 deer mouse
SMT #8	0
SMT #9	1 deer mouse
SMT #10	1 deer mouse, 1 red squirrel
SMT #11	1 grey squirrel
SMT #12	3 deer mouse
SMT #13	1 deer mouse, 1 grey squirrel
SMT #14	1 deer mouse



# 2.2.2.4 Large Mammal Survey

The Study Area was walked numerous times during the course of evaluation and each time it was searched for large mammal signs. As well, a more detailed assessment involving 8 transects was performed in conjunction with the bird survey. *Table 13* presents an overview of wildlife sightings within the Study Area.

**Table 13. Results of Wildlife Sightings** 

Species	Evidence
Blacktail Deer	Visual/Carcass
Turkey Vulture	Visual
Grey Squirrel	Visual
Red Squirrel	Visual
Bald Eagle	Visual/Carcass
Red-tailed Hawk	Visual
Eastern Cottontail	Visual/Carcass
Raccoon	Visual
Cougar	Scat
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Visual
River Otter	Visual/scat
Beaver	Historical
Domestic Cat	Visual



#### 2.3 AQUATIC RESOURCES

#### 2.3.1 Watercourses

There are two primary ( $> 3^{rd}$  order) and several smaller first order watercourses within the Study Area that meet the definition of a stream as described in the Fish/Stream Identification Guidebook (1998). The watercourses are labelled S1 to S9 in a counter clockwise direction starting with S1 (Enos Creek – Watershed Code 920-440400) and ending with Dolphin lake (Watershed Code 920-440127) and Dolphin Creek labelled S9. In all cases, the watercourses have scour and mineral alluvium and meet the minimum lengths of 100m of continuous channel. Due to the steep topography, numerous barriers to upstream fish migration and the absence of salmonids in the watershed, fish presence within the Study Area is limited to Stickleback in Enos Lake and Enos Creek. All direct tributaries are considered non-fish bearing as a result of the aforementioned barriers at Enos Lake, however, meet fish stream habitat as they flow into larger waterbodies containing fish. These watercourses are subject to the Riparian Areas Regulations (RAR) legislation and therefore require further detailed assessments at time of construction. The exception to this is Stream #2 (S#2) along the northern edge of the property, which flows north directly into the ocean as well as Dolphin Lake, and Creek. These two watercourses are considered non-fish bearing and are not subject to the Riparian Areas Regulations (RAR) legislation. The classification is a result of a background search (FISS databases 2008) and detailed sampling over 10 years associated with the Enos Lake Stickleback sampling program. Refer to Appendix F map for watercourse locations as well as detailed fisheries/biophysical table summarized for all watercourses presented in Table 13 below.

#### 2.3.2 Fisheries Resources

# 2.3.2.1 Background

Fisheries data available from the Fisheries Information Summary System (FISS) for the Lakes District Study Area is presented in Appendix G (FISS 2008). Of critical



importance within the Lakes District study area is the Enos Lake Stickleback. The Enos Lake Stickleback pair is part of a group of similar unique stickleback pairs that are present in several low lyinglow-lying lakes within the Georgia Basin. Both the Benthic and Limnetic species have been identified by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Species in Canada (COSEWIC) and recommendations were put forward to the Federal Government for their protection. Through the recommendations by COSEWIC, the two stickleback species are listed as endangered and are now protected under the Species at Risk Act (SARA). The Enos Lake Stickleback are restricted to this single small lake and are experiencing a severe decline in numbers due to the introduction of exotics and the resulting deterioration of habitat. Due to the sensitive nature of these species urban development and future land uses adjacent to the lake will require careful monitoring. Base line water testing is already taking place, which provides all pertinent lake information at a pre-development stage. At the time of the writing of this report, the species pair in Enos Lake has been reduced to a hybrid swarm through the introduction of the signal crayfish. It is unknown how or for how long the signal crayfish have been in Enos Lake, although they are present in other lake and stream systems on Vancouver Island. The hybrid swarm designation given to the stickleback by scientists out of the University of British Columbia (UBC) means that both species have interbred to a point whereby they are no longer distinct from each other. The scientists that make up the Enos Lake recovery team are recommending a new COSEWIC assessment be undertaken on the Enos Lake Stickleback due to the hybridization of the two species, which has resulted in the extinction of the individual species in the wild. Scientists at UBC have a small stock of relatively purebred Benthic and Limnetic stickleback in several ponds and will continue to study these fish. There is a small chance, if genetic purity of this captive stock is maintained; there could be opportunity in the future to re-introduce the two species back into the lake. The introduction of these species pairs (if feasible) would have to be done in conjunction with the removal of both the existing crayfish and hybrid stickleback populations within the lake.



# 2.3.2.2 Surface Water Use

Water licenses within the Lakes District Study Area are limited to those associated with golf course irrigation out of Dolphin Lake which in turn pumps water out of Enos Lake. Water is pumped from Enos Lake to Dolphin Lake during the summer months, where it then flows through the golf course to holding ponds on the 18<sup>th</sup> fairway to be used for golf course irrigation.

#### 2.3.2.3 Lake and Pond Use

Currently there is virtually no recreational use of the ponds or the two lakes on the property. Due to the shallow depth, aquatic vegetation and woody debris on the ponds there is little opportunity for them to be used for boating or other surface water activities. There is however potential to use Dolphin and more particularly Enos Lake for recreational boating. This use on the lakes should have minimal impact provided that there are limited access points for launching boats. Cascadia also recommends the restriction of gasoline outboards on the lakes to avoid potential fuel spills and to minimize the impact on wildlife.

## 2.3.3 Survey Methodology

# 2.3.3.1 Office Study

A review of Ministry of Environment, Environmental Stewardship Division (MoE) and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) environmental databases was undertaken. Internet addresses for these databases are as follows:

Fisheries Data Warehouse
Fish Information Summary System (FISS)
<a href="http://www.shim.bc.ca">http://www.shim.bc.ca</a>

# 2.3.3.2 Field Survey

Stream Biophysical Survey



A biophysical habitat survey was conducted using parameters outlined in the MoE/DFO Stream Survey forms, which allowed information to be collected on the following:

- Channel characteristics including floodplain description;
- Description of watercourse length, average channel width, average wetted width, average maximum depth and banks;
- Barriers to fish passage including debris jams, culverts, weirs, beaver dams etc.;
- Substrate characteristics including estimated percentages of materials;
- Description and percentage of pools, runs, and riffles;
- Location and description of bridges, culverts, water control, water intake and storm water discharge structures;
- Vegetation detailed riparian overstorey, understorey, and herb layer characteristics including a species list;
- Threatened, rare and endangered species estimated use and a detailed species list; and
- Potential salmonid spawning and rearing habitat rating (low, medium or high) with rational for rating described.

# 2.3.4 Stream/Lake Biophysical Results

Waterbodies within the delineated site boundaries include two primary watercourses, which flow in opposite directions through the Lakes District. Enos Lake flows from the center of the Study Area north while Dolphin Lake and creek flow from just outside of the eastern boundary of the property to the southeast through the Fairwinds golf course. Overall, there are nine distinct streams with 17 reaches identified. Overview biophysical data for the watercourses identified is presented below in Table 14 and provides basic information including channel width, gradient etc. for the watercourses assessed. Biophysical characteristics for the largest waterbody on-site (Enos Lake) is presented below in Section 2.3.4.1. Where required, higher intensity surveys focusing on large woody debris recruitment, litter fall and shade zones of sensitivity (ZOS) will be



conducted in accordance with the newly adopted RAR legislation when building pods as well as the associated infrastructure works, fall within the Riparian Areas Regulations (RAR) assessment areas. This includes a 30m buffer from fish habitat, which may increase depending on local factors including whether or not the waterbody flows through a ravine.

#### 2.3.4.1 Enos Lake

Enos Lake (watershed code 920-440400, ID:000356PARK) is a small coastal lake at 48-53m in elevation. Historical use of the waterbody includes a Rainbow trout stocking program in 1948 followed by a dam at the lake outlet in 1958 to facilitate local water provisions to nearby residents. Covering an area of 17.6 ha and a maximum lake depth of 12.4m. Deep waters are limited to both the centre and northern sections of the lake. Water flow into the lake is limited to two creeks along the northwestern flank of the lake as well as from two other smaller creek systems located along the southwestern and northeastern flanks. A newly constructed stormwater detention area adjacent to Enos Marsh along the southern boundary of the waterbody provides stormwater control for newly developed areas along Bonnington Avenue as well as from future developments labeled Phase 9C and 7D. With current sedimentation rates, the lake will be infilled in approximately 6000 years, however, may quadruple as a result of urbanization (COSEWIC, 2002).



Table 14. Stream Biophysical Assessment Table

Stream	Reach	Average	Average	Primary	Dominant	Fish	Length	Comments
#	#	Channel	Gradient	Substrate	Riparian	Bearing	( <b>m</b> )	
		Width	(%)		Vegetation	Status		
		(m)						
S1	1	3.71	10	cooble	Fir	Yes	80	Enos Creek
S1	2	lake	0.5	fines	Fir	Yes	2175	Enos Lake
S2	1	0.78	11	gravel	Fir	No	241	1 <sup>st</sup> order
								stream
S3	1	1.01	45	bedrock	Arbutus	Yes*	136	steep
								bedrock
								controlled
S3	2	wetland	0.5	fines	Fir/Arbutus	Yes*	193	**NFC
S3	3	1.12	15	gravel	Fir/Arbutus	Yes*	192	mostly
								overland
								flow
S4	1	0.89	7	gravel	Fir/Arbutus	Yes*	232	1 <sup>st</sup> order
								stream
S5	1	0.45	40	bedrock	Fir/Arbutus	Yes*	75	very small
								1 <sup>st</sup> order
S6	1	3.78	28	cobble	Fir/Maple	Yes*	346	Incised
								creek -
								waterfall
S6	2	wetland	0.5	fines	Fir/Cedar	Yes*	406	NFC
S6	3	2.10	10	gravel	Fir/Cedar	Yes*	21	mostly
								outside
								Study Area
S6.1	1	1.85	12	cobble	Fir/Maple	Yes*	246	1 <sup>st</sup> order



								stream
S6.2	1	1.45	08	cobble	Fir/Maple	Yes*	340	moderate
								flows
S6.2	2	wetland	0.5	fines	Fir/Maple	Yes*	133	NFC
S6.2	3	0.83	7	gravel	Fir/Maple	Yes*	124	Mostly
								overland
								flow
S7	1	1.13	13	cobble	Fir/Arbutus	Yes*	156	very small
S8	1	1.06	12	gravel	Fir/Cedar	Yes*	76	very small
S9	1	lake	0.5	fines	Fir/Cedar	No	167	headwater
								of Dolphin
								Lake
	1	1	ĺ				1	

<sup>\* -</sup> Fish bearing under RAR legislation

# 2.3.6 Minnow Trap Assessment Summary

Twenty five minnow traps baited with cat food and set in 5 separate locations (five traps at each location) (*Appendix D, Biophysical Assessment Map*) was monitored over the course of three days (checked once a day). The results of our assessment are presented below in Table 15.

<sup>\*\* -</sup> No Fish Caught



**Table 15. Minnow Trap Sampling Summary Table** 

			Total	
Species	No.	Method	Time	Location
Roughskin newt	1	Minnow trap	72hrs.	Minnow trap #1
Pacific Tree Frog	3	Minnow trap	72hrs.	Minnow trap #1
Pacific Tree Frog	3	Minnow trap	72hrs.	Minnow trap #2
Red-legged frogs	2	Minnow trap	72hrs.	Minnow trap #2
Roughskin newt	1	Minnow trap	72hrs.	Minnow trap #2
Pacific Tree Frog	3	Minnow trap	72hrs.	Minnow trap #3
Red-legged frogs	1	Minnow trap	72hrs.	Minnow trap #3
Roughskin newt	4	Minnow trap	72hrs.	Minnow trap #3
Pacific Tree Frog	7	Minnow trap	72hrs.	Minnow trap #4
Red-legged frogs	2	Minnow trap	72hrs.	Minnow trap #4
Roughskin newt	3	Minnow trap	72hrs.	Minnow trap #4
Pacific Tree Frog	6	Minnow trap	72hrs.	Minnow trap #5
Roughskin newt	2	Minnow trap	72hrs.	Minnow trap #5
Red-legged frogs	1	Minnow trap	72hrs.	Minnow trap #5



# 2.4 CULTURALLY MODIFIED TREES

During the overall assessment of the Study Area, a concentrated effort was made in to identify culturally modified trees within the delineated boundaries. Observation focused primarily on larger trees including red cedar, which were customarily used by indigenous peoples for various items including baskets etc. During the biophysical assessment of the Study Area no culturally modified trees were observed.



# 3.0 DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATIONS

## 3.1 AQUATIC RESOURCES

The following represents a list of potential impacts to aquatic life and aquatic habitat within the proposed site boundaries and Study Area. Of the waterbodies identified, only Enos Lake/Creek and tributaries are considered fish habitat and therefore are subject to the RAR legislation. Overall, disturbances to these watercourses as well as the non fish bearing watercourses are expected to be minimal through the use of Low-Impact Development (LID) techniques and other and Best Management Practices (BMP) for planning & design with respect to stormwater management. These include minimizing overall stream crossing locations, maintaining adequate riparian reserves as well as controlling strormwater to maintain overall hydrological function. Please refer to the Impact Summary Table below (Table 16) for a complete list of impacts and mitigation solutions.

## 3.2 WILDLIFE

Wildlife impacts within the delineated site boundaries include loss of habitat for various animals presently utilizing this parcel of land as identified in our assessment. Of particular importance however, are the locations of several Garry Oak meadows within the southeastern and northwestern sections of the Study Area identified in Appendix E, Ecosystems Map. These polygons are of particular importance as they provide habitat for a variety of unique animals including several species of reptiles, butterflies and have a high propensity for wildflowers. As well, special attention should also be given to the riparian /Garry Oak/arbutus ecosystems as they provide various wildlife habitat opportunities for various birds including two species of owls. In summary, although construction activities associated with the proposed development will undoubtedly impact habitat within select areas, the overall percentage of proposed protected areas within the Study Area is expected to be high (>25%). As a result, minimal risk is



expected to the species identified in our assessments or of those species listed as having the potential to occur by the BC CDC (British Columbia Conservation Data Centre). Please refer to the Impact Summary Table below (Table 16) for a list of impacts and mitigation and enhancement recommendations.

#### 3.3 VEGETATION

Assessments in 2007/2008 identified 91 plant species in 5 different vegetative communities. Of the five identified, the greatest diversity of plants was along the Douglas Fir/Arbutus community quadrat with 23 species identified. Assessments within this quadrat resulted in the identification of numerous flowering plants (non identified by the BC CDC as red/blue listed) forming part of a larger distinct ecosystem within a Douglas fir dominated stand of conifers. As this polygon forms one of the largest ecosystems within the Study Area, this area will undoubtedly be affected by construction activities as it has most of the buildable land within the Study Area. As a means to reduce disturbance, however, many strategies are to be employed during the development of the Lakes District, including clustering of development, delineation of "disturbance envelopes" and identification of designated "environmental management areas" within clustered development areas, and landscape design and construction guidelines to address concerns surrounding extent of clearing and potential introduction of exotic/invasive species. Please refer to the Impact Summary table below (Table 16) for a list of potential impacts and mitigation & enhancement recommendations.



**Table 16. Impact Summary Table** 

Environmental	<b>Potential Impacts</b>	Mitigative Measures	Residual Impacts
Parameter			
Vegetation	Potential loss of natural vegetation currently existing on site within development areas	Limit disturbances to sensitive environmental polygons (Appendix F) to no more than 30% of total area	Loss of vegetation in the area immediately required to accommodate the development footprint
		Reclamation of disturbed areas with native trees and shrubs.	Positive impacts resulting from revegetation with native species.
		Replant disturbed Garry Oak trees (outside of Goert polygons) at a ratio of 3:1	Increase to overall Garry Oak population and distribution within the study area
Aquatic Life and	Potential loss of riparian	Minimize disturbances to	Increase in stormwater
Habitat	buffers along low- moderate value habitat within development areas.	riparian reserves as per RAR recommendations.	runoff and instream flows
Wildlife	Loss of habitat resulting from vegetation clearing.	Construction of nesting boxes with old growth attributes to accommodate the loss of older second generation forest  Maintain undisturbed 3-5m buffer around select wildlife trees (veteran Douglas firs)	Loss of habitat for some species where vegetation is permanently removed to accommodate building footprints
	Changes in wildlife movements.	Ensure connectivity through wildlife corridors	Minimal changes to wildlife movements
		No potentially sensitive	



Sensory disturbance to sensitive species.	species found to breed within 100 m of the proposed roads, driveway or building sites.	Potential disturbance to some wildlife species
Stress to wildlife caused by increases in human encounters including foot and road traffic	Improve signage and provide educational material to local residences	Minimal/short term stress associated with increases in traffic

## 3.4 MONITORING

It is recommended that all construction activities within areas identified as "sensitive" (refer to *Appendix F – Environmentally Sensitive Polygons*) be to be monitored by a Registered Professional Biologist. These include areas designated as Garry Oak ecosystems, Garry Oak/Arbutus woodland ecosystems, riparian areas as per the RAR requirements as well as wildlife trees and dens. Further, it is recommended that a detailed sediment control plan be implemented prior to fall/winter rains and that sediment control structures be monitored during high rainfall events (>30mm/24 hours).

#### 3.5 PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT IMPACTS SUMMARY

In support of the Preliminary Development Impact Assessment, an Environmental Constraints/Opportunities Map was prepared as a means to consolidate information related to topography, hydrology, sensitive ecosystems and recommended buffers (Refer to *Appendix H – Environmental Constraints Map*). The resultant working map provides a detailed summary of physical constraints and identified conservation values observed during the biophysical assessment stage of the project. More importantly, this map will guide the conceptual planning & design of the Lakes District as a means to explore alternative layouts/design scenarios that accommodate identified conservation values



within the Study Area. Please refer to Appendix H, Environmental Constraints Map for a detailed site map identifying all environmentally sensitive polygons within the Study Area. Works within these polygons, if required, should be discussed with a Registered Professional Biologist so that any potential negative impacts are minimized.

Given this pro-active approach to planning & design of the Lakes District, an expressed intent to designate a significant portion of the Study Area as an interconnected park system, the opportunity for BMP's during project construction, as well as the proposed mitigation & enhancement strategies, overall impacts associated with development within the Study Area will be minimized. These measures, taken together, will ensure the protection and functional integrity of the Lakes District's natural systems and in turn, will help make it a more sustainable neighbourhood.



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# **Appendices**

Appendix A – BCCDC Rare Vertebrates (South Island)

Appendix B – BCCDC Rare Vascular Plants (South Island)

Appendix C – BCCDC Rare Plant Communities (South Island)

Appendix D – Biophysical Assessment Map

Appendix E – Ecosystem Map

Appendix F – Waterbodies Map

Appendix G – FISS Database Records

Appendix H – Environmental Constraints Map



Appendix A – BCCDC Rare Vertebrates (South Island)



Marmota vancouverensis

Lampetra macrostoma

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Scientific Name	English Name	RISC Code	Global Rank	Prov Rank	Prov Rank Review Da	te Prov Rank Change Da	te COSEWIC	COSEWIC (
Accipiter gentilis laingi	Northern Goshawk, laingi subspecies	B-NOGO-LA	G5T2	S2B	November 29,2005	June 16,1997	T (Nov 2000)	
Aechmophorus occidentalis Allogona townsendiana	Western Grebe Oregon Forestsnail	B-WEGR IM-ALLTOW	G5 G3G4	S1B,S2N S1S2	November 29,2005 December 31,2002	November 29,2005 December 31,2002	E (Nov 2002)	
Ardea herodias fannini	Great Blue Heron, fannini subspecies	B-GBHE-FA	G5T4	S3B,S4N	November 29,2005	April 24,2002	SC (Mar 2008)	
Asio flammeus	Short-eared Owl	B-SEOW	G5	S3B,S2N	November 29,2005	June 01,1996	SC (Mar 2008)	
Botaurus lentiginosus	American Bittern	B-AMBI	G4	S3B	November 29,2005	June 30,1998		
Brachyramphus marmoratus	Marbled Murrelet	B-MAMU	G3G4	S2B,S4N	November 29,2005	June 30,1998	T (Nov 2000)	
Branta canadensis occidentalis	Canada Goose, occidentalis subspecies	B-CAGO-OC	G5T2T3	S1N	November 29,2005			
Butorides virescens	Green Heron	B-GRHE	G5	S3S4B	November 29,2005	June 30,1998		
Callophrys eryphon shellonensis Callophrys johnsoni Callophrys mossii mossii	Western Pine Elfin, <i>shetonensis</i> subspecies Johnson's Hairstreak Mioss' Elfin, <i>mossii</i> subspecies	IL-CALERY-SH IL-CALJOH IL-CALMOS-MO	G3G4	83 8182 8283	November 20,2006 November 20,2006 November 20,2006	January 15,2007 October 18,2001 January 15,2007		
Carychium occidentale	Western Thorn	IM-CAROCC	G3G4	S2S3		•		
Cercyonis pegala incana	Common Wood-nymph, <i>incana</i> subspecie:		G5T4T5	S2	November 20,2006	January 15,2007		
Cervus canadensis roosevelti	Roosevelt Elk	M-CECA-RO	G5T4	83	December 08,2006	January 15,2007		
	Western Painted Turtle - Pacific Coast		G5TNR	82			E (Apr. 2006)	
Chrysemys picta pop. 1	Population	R-CHPI			December 03,2007	January 15,2007	E (Apr 2006)	
Coccyzus americanus Coenonympha tullia insulana	Yellow-billed cuckoo Common Ringlet, <i>insulana</i> subspecies	B-YBCU IL-COETUL-IN	G5 G5T3T4	SXB S1	November 29,2005 November 20,2006	June 01,1996 January 15,2007		
Conti a tenuis Copablepharon fuscum	Sharp-tailed Snake Sand-verbena Moth	R-COTE IL-COPFUS	G5 G1G2	S1 S1	December 03,2007 April 07,2006	June 30,1998 April 07,2006	E (May 1999) E (Nov 2003)	
Corynorhinus townsendii Cryptomastix devia Dermochelys coriacea	Townsend's Big-eared Bat Puget Oregonian Leatherback	M-COTO IM-CRYDEV R-DECO	G4 G3 G2	S3 SX S1S2N	December 08,2006 December 31,2002 December 03,2007	January 15,2007 December 31,2002 January 31,1992	XT (Nov 2002) E (May 2001)	
Enallagma hageni	Hagen's Bluet	IO-ENAHAG	G5	8384	January 04,2004			
Epitheca canis Eremophila alpestris strigata Erynnis propertius	Beaverpond Baskettail Horned Lark, <i>striga</i> ta subspecies Propertius Duskywing	IO-EPICAN B-HOLA-ST IL-ERYPRO	G5 G5T2 G5	83 8X 8283	January 04,2004 November 29,2005 November 20,2006	October 04,2001 July 02,2003 January 15,2007	E (Nov 2003)	
Erythemis collocata Euchloe ausonides insulanus Eumetopias jubatus Euphydryas editha taylori Euphyes vestris	Western Pondhawk Large Marble, <i>insulanus</i> subspecies Steller Sea Lon Edith's Checkerspot, <i>taylori</i> subspecies Dun Skipper	IO-ERY COL IL-EUCAUS-IN M-EWIU IL-EUPEDI-TA IL-EUPVES	G5 G5T1 G3 G5T1 G5	83 8X 8283B,83N 81 83	January 04,2004 November 20,2006 December 08,2006 November 20,2006 November 20,2006	October 16,2000 December 06,1999 January 15,2007 January 15,2007 October 04,2001	XT (May 2000) SC (Nov 2003) E (Nov 2000) T (Nov 2000)	
Falco peregrinus anatum	Peregrine Falcon, <i>anatum</i> subspecies	B-PEFA-AN	G4T4	S2B	November 29,2005	June 30,1998	SC (Apr 2007)	
Falco peregrinus pealei Fossaria vancouverensis	Peregrine Falcon, <i>pealei</i> subspecies	B-PEFA-PE IM-FOSVAN	G4T3 GHQ	S3B SH	November 29,2005 January 01,2000	June 30,1998 January 01,2000	SC (Apr 2007)	
Fratercula cirrhata Gasterosteus sp. 2 Gasterosteus sp. 3 Glaucidium gnoma swarthi Gulo gulo vancouverensis Hemphillia dromedarius Hemphillia glandulosa	Tufted Puffin Enos Lake Limnetic Stickleback Enos Lake Benthic Stickleback Northern Pygmy-Owl, swarthi subspecies Wolverine, vancouverensis subspecies Dromedary Jumping-slug Warty Jumping-slug	B-TUPU B-NPOW-SW M-GUGU-VA IM-HEM DRO IM-HEM GLA	G5 G1 G1 G5T3Q G4T1Q G3G4 G3G4	S3B,S4N S1 S1 S3 SH S2 S2S3	November 29,2005 January 12,2004 January 12,2004 November 29,2005 December 08,2006	June 01,1996 January 31,1992 January 31,1992 June 01,1996 September 17,2001	E (Nov 2002) E (Nov 2002) SC (May 1989) T (May 2003) SC (May 2003)	
Hirundo rustica	Barn Swallow	B-BASW	G5	S3S4B	November 29,2005	November 29,2005		
Lagopus leucura saxatilis	White-tailed Ptarmigan, s <i>axatilis</i> subspecies	B-WTPT-SA	G5T3	83	November 29,2005	June 01,1996		
Lampetra macrostoma	Cowichan Lake Lamprev	F-LAMA	G1	81	January 12,2004	May 17,1985	T (Nov 2000)	

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Oncorhynchus clarkii clarkii	Cutthroat Trout, clarkii subspecies	F-ONCL-CL	G4T4	8384	January 12,2004	March 06,2000	
Pachydiplax longipennis	Blue Dasher	IO-PACLON	G5	8384	January 04,2004	March 10,2004	
Parnassius smintheus olympiannus	Rocky Mountain Parnassian, <i>olympiannus</i> subspecies	IL-PARSMI-OL	G5T4	8283	November 20,2006	January 15,2007	
Patagioenas fasciata	Band-tailed Pigeon	В-ВТРІ	G4	S3S4B	November 29,2005	October 06,2000	
Phalacrocorax auritus Phalacrocorax peniciliatus Physelia integra Physelia integra Phicola enucleator cariottae Pituophis catenifer catenifer Plebejus icarioides thackmorel Plebejus saepiolus insulanus Pooecetes grannineus affinis Pristiloma johnsoni	Double-crested Cormorant Brandt's Cormorant Prewter Physa Ashy Physa Ashy Physa Pine Grosbeak, cariottae subspecies Gopher Snake, catenifer subspecies Boisduval's Blue, blackmorel subspecies Greenish Blue, insulanus subspecies Vesper Sparrow, affinis subspecies Broadwhorl Tightcoil	B-DCCO B-BRCO IM-PHY HET IM-PHY INT B-PIGR-CA R-PICA-CA IL-PLEICA-BL IL-PLESAE-IN B-VESP-AF IM-PRIJOH	G5 G5 G5Q G5 G5T3 G5T5 G5T3 G5TH G5T3	S3B S1B,S4N S1S3 S1S3 S3B SX S3 SH S1B	November 29,2005 November 29,2005 April 20,2004 January 01,2000 November 29,2005 December 03,2007 November 20,2006 November 20,2006 November 29,2006	November 29,2005 June 01,1996 April 20,2004 January 01,2000 June 30,1998 June 30,1998 April 26,2001 December 06,1999 June 30,1998	NAR (May 1978) XT (May 2002) E (Nov 2000) E (Apr 2006)
Progne subis	Purple Martin	B-PUMA	G5	8283B	November 29,2005	November 29,2005	
Promenetus umbilicatellus Prophysaon coeruleum	Umbilicate Sprite Blue-grey Taildropper	IM-PROUMB IM-PROCOE	G4 G3G4	S3S4 S1			Е (Арг 2006)
Prophysaon vanattae	Scarletback Taildropper	IM-PROVAN	G4	S3S4			
Ptychoramphus aleuticus	Cassin's Auklet	B-CAAU	G4	S2S3B,S4N	November 29,2005	October 06,2000	
Rana aurora	Red-legged Frog	A-RAAU	G4	8384	December 03,2007	January 12,1994	SC (Nov 2004)
Rana pipiens	Northern Leopard Frog	A-RAPI	G5	S1	December 03,2007	June 01,1996	E (May 2000)
Salvelinus malma	Dolly Varden	F-SAMA	G5	S3S4	January 12,2004	March 06,2000	
Sialia mexicana pop. 1	Western Bluebird (Georgia Depression population) American Water Shrew, <i>brooksi</i>	B-WEBL	G5TNRQ	SHB	November 29,2005	December 05,2000	
Sorex palustris brooksi Speyeria zerene bremnerii	subspecies Zerene Fritillary, <i>bremnerii</i> subspecies Western Meadowlark (Georgia Depression	M-SOPA-BR IL-SPEZER-BR	G5T2 G5T3T4	S2 S2	December 08,2006 November 20,2006	October 13,2000 January 15,2007	
Sturnella neglecta pop. 1 Stygobromus quatsinensis	population) Quatsino Cave Amphipod	B-VVEME	G5TNRQ G2G3	SXB S2S3	November 29,2005 April 27,2001	December 05,2000 April 27,2001	
Sympetrum vicinum Tramea lacerata	Autumn Meadowhawk Black Saddlebags	IO-SYMVIC IO-TRALAC	G5 G5	S3S4 S1	January 04,2004 December 08,2006	January 15,2007	
Tyto alba Uria aalge Vertigo andrusiana	Barn Owl Common Murre Pacific Vertigo	B-BNOW B-COMU IM-VALAND	G5 G5 G2G3	S3 S2B,S4N S2	November 29,2005 November 29,2005	June 01,1996 June 01,1996	SC (Nov 2001)
Zonitoides nitidus	Black Gloss	IM-ZONNIT	G5	S3S4	March 15, 2005	March 15,2005	



Appendix B – BCCDC Rare Vascular Plants (South Island)



Scientific Name	English Name	RISC Code	Global Rank	Prov Rank	Prov Rank Review Date	Prov Rank Change Date	COSEWIC	COSEWIC Comments
Abronia latifolia Abronia umbellatavar, breviflora Acaulon muticumvar, rufescens	yellow sand-verbena pink sand-verbena	ABROLAT ABROUMB1 ACAUMUT1		83 81 81	March 15, 2002 January 31, 2005 March 28, 1997	March 07, 2001 May 20, 2004 March 28, 1997	E (May 2004)	Full Species
Agrostis pallens Allium amplectens	dune bentgrass slimleaf onion	ALLIAMP	G 4G 5 G 4	S3 S3	November 28, 2005 April 09, 2001	October 17,2001 March 07,2001		
Allium crenulatum	Olympic onion	ALLICRE	G4	82	December 29, 2000	April 05,2000		
Allium geyeri var. tenerum Alopecurus carolinianus	Geyer's onion Carolina meadow-foxtail	ALLIGEY 2 ALOPCAR	G 4G 5T3T5 G 5	8283 82	October 13, 2005 December 29, 2000	November 24,2005 April 05,2000		
Anagallis minima	chaffweed	ANAGMIN	G5	8283	December 29, 2000	April 30,1996		
Anemone drummondli var. drummondli Asplenium adulterinum	alpine anemone corrupt spleenwort	ANEMDRUI ASPLADU	G 4T4 G 3?	S2S3 S2S3	December 29, 2000 December 29, 2000	April 30,1996 April 05,2000		
Aster curtus	white-top aster	ASTECUR	G3	83	September 10,2007	October 30,2007	T (May 2000)	
Aster paucicapitatus	Olympic mountain aster	ASTEPAU	G 3?	83	October 18, 2006	October 18,2006		
Aster radulinus Balsamorhiza deltoidea	rough-leaved aster deltoid balsamroot	ASTERAD BALSDEL	G4G5 G5	S1 S1	December 29, 2000 January 15, 2005	April 30,1996 May 14,2001	E (May 2000)	
Bartramia stricta	apple moss	BARTSTR	GU	S1	December 01,2000	December 01,1996	E (May 2000)	
Bidens amplissima	Vancouver Island beggarticks	BIDEAMP	G3	83	April 09,2001	March 07,2001	SC (Nov 2001)	
Bolboschoenus fluviatilis	river bulrush	BOLBFLU	G5	S1S2	November 28, 2005	November 28,2005	JC (140V 2001)	
Botrychium simplex Bulbostylis capillaris	least moonwort densetuft hairsedge	BOTRSIM BULBCAP	G5 G5	S2S3 S1	December 29, 2000 October 30, 2006	January 21,1999 October 30,2006		
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Callitriche heterophylla ssp. heterophylla		CALLHET2		8283	December 29, 2000	April 30,1996		
Callitriche longipedunculata Camassia quamash ssp. azurea	long-stalked water-starwort common camas	CALLLON CAMAQUA3	G 2G 3	S1 S1S3	October 22, 2001 January 31, 2007	October 23,2001 January 31,2007		
Camissonia contorta	contorted-pod evening-primrose		G5	81	December 29, 2000	April 30.1996	E (Apr 2006)	
Cardamine angulata	angled bitter-cress	CARDANG	G5	S2S3	December 29, 2000	April 30,1996		
Cardamine parviflora var. arenicola	small-flowered bitter-cress		G5T5	S1	December 29, 2000	April 11, 2000		
Cardionema ramosissima Carex feta	sandmat green-sheathed sedge	CARDRAM CAREFET	G5? G5	S1 S2	October 26, 2007 November 25, 2002	October 30,2007 November 25,2002		
Carex gmelinii	G melin's sedge	CAREGME	G4G5	8283	December 29, 2000	April 30,1996		
Carex interrupta	green-fruited sedge	CAREINE	G 4	82	December 29, 2000	November 26,2004		
Carex pansa	sand-dune sedge	CAREPAN	G4	8283	December 29,2000	January 21,1999		
Carex scoparia	pointed broom sedge	CARESCO	G5	8283	December 29, 2000	April 30,1996		
Carex tumulicola	foothill sedge	CARETUM	G4	82	August 08,2007	November 28,2005	E (M ar 2008)	
Castilleja ambigua ssp. ambigua Castilleja levisecta	paintbrush owl-clover		G 4T3T4 G 1	S2S3 S1	September 10, 2007	October 30,2007	E 44 00000	
Castilleja revisecta Castilleja victoriae	golden paintbrush Victoria owłclover	CASTLEV CASTVIC	G1	S1	August 07,2007 August 29,2007	April 30,1996 January 26,2007	E (May 2000)	
Centaurium muehlenbergii	Muhlenberg's centaury		G 5?	81	December 29, 2000	April 30,1996	E (Mar 2008)	
Cephalanthera austiniae	phantom orchid	CEPHAUS	G4	82	December 29, 2000	April 30,1996	T (May 2000)	
Ceratophyllum echinatum	spring hornwort	CERAECH	G4?	83	July 09,2002	July 09,2002		
Chamaesyce serpyllifolia ssp. serpyllifolia		CHAMSER1		8283	December 29, 2000	April 30,1996		
Clarkia amoena var. caurina Clarkia amoena var. lindlevi	farewell-to-spring farewell-to-spring	CLARAMO1 CLARAMO2		83 83	April 09,2001 April 09,2001	March 07,2001 March 07,2001		
Clarkia purpurea ssp. quadrivulnera	small-flowered godetia	CLARPUR2		S1	December 29, 2000	October 31,2001		
Claytonia washingtoniana	Washington springbeauty	CLAYWAS	G 2G 4	82	December 29, 2000	January 12,1999		
Convolvulus soldanella	beach bindweed		G5	83	January 09,2003	January 09,2003		
Corydalis scouleri Crassula aquatica	Scouler's corydalis	CORYSCO CRASAQU	G4 G5	8384 83	September 12,2006 April 09,2001	November 30,2004 March 07,2001	NAR (Nov 2006)	
Crassula connata var. connata	pigmyweed erect pygmyweed		G5TNR	82	December 29, 2000	April 30,1996		
Cuscuta campestris	field dodder	CUSCPEN	G5	8283	December 29, 2000	April 30,1996		
O/perus squarrosus	awned cyperus	CYPESQU	G5	83	October 03, 2001	October 03,2001		
Draba lonchocarpa var. vestita	lance-fruited draba	DRABLO N3		8283	December 29,2000	April 30,1996		
Dryopteris arguta	coastal wood fern		G5	8283	December 29, 2000	April 30,1996	SC (Nov 2001)	
Elatine brachysperma Elatine rubella	short-seeded waterwort three-flowered waterwort	ELATBRA ELATRUB	G5 G5	S1S2 S2S3	October 30, 2006 December 29, 2000	October 30,2006 April 30,1996		
Eleocharis parvula	small spike-rush	ELEOPAR	G5	8283	December 29, 2000	April 30,1996		
Eleocharis rostellata	beaked spike-rush	ELEOROS	G5	8283	December 29, 2000	April 05,2000		
Entosthodon fascicularis	banded cord-moss	ENTOFAS	G4G5	S2S3	September 10,2007	October 30,2007	SC (May 2005)	
Epilobium ciliatum ssp. watsonii Epilobium densiflorum	purple-leaved willowherb dense spike-primrose	EPILCIL3 EPILDEN	G 5T3T5 G 5	S2S3 S1	December 29,2000 February 07,2005	April 30,1996 January 27,2004	E (May 2005)	
Epilobium glaberrimum ssp. fastigiatum			G 5T 4T 5	8283	December 29, 2000	April 30,1996	,,	



Githopsis specularioides	common bluecup	GITHSPE	G5	8283	December 29, 2000	November 25,1999		
Glehnia littoralis ssp. leiocarpa	American glehnia	GLEHLIT1	G 5T 5	83	January 09,2003	January 09,2003		
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Glyceria leptostachya Hedysarum occidentale	slender-spiked mannagrass western hedysarum	GLYCLEP HEDYOCC	G3 G5	S2S3 S3	December 29, 2000 October 18, 2006	April 30,1996 October 18,2006		
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Helenium autumnale var. grandiflorum	mountain sneezeweed	HELEAUT1	G5T3T5	S2S3	December 29, 2000	April 30,1996		
Heterocodon rariflorum	heterocodon	HETERAR	G5	83	March 15, 2002	March 07, 2001		
Heterodermia sitchensis	seaside centipede	HETESIT	G2G3	81	August 15, 2007	August 15,2007	E (Apr 2006)	
Hippuris tetraphylla	four-leaved mare's-tail	HIPPTET	G5	S2S3	November 28, 2001	November 28,2001		
Hutchinsia procumbens	hutchinsia	HUTCPRO	G5	81	December 29, 2000	April 30,1996		
Hydrocotyle ranunculoides	floating water pennywort	HYDRRAN	G5	SH	October 24, 2007	October 30,2007		
Hydrophyllum tenuipes	Pacific waterleaf	HY DRTEN	G4G5	82	September 10,2007	October 30,2007		
Hypericum scouleri ssp. nortoniae	western St. John's-wort	HYPESC01	G5T3T5	8283	December 29, 2000	April 30,1996		
Hypogymnia heterophylla	Seaside Bone	HYPOHET	G3	S1	2000111101 20,2000		T (Mar 2008)	
Idahoa scapigera	scalepod	IDAHSCA	G5	S2	December 29, 2000	April 30,1996		
Isoetes nuttallii Jaumea carnosa	Nuttall's quillwort fleshv jaumea	ISOENUT JAUMCAR	G 4? G 4G 5	83 8283	April 09,2001 December 29,2000	March 07, 2001 April 30, 1996		
Juncus kelloggii	Kellogg's rush	JUNCKEL	G3?	81	December 29, 2000	April 30,1996	E (May 2003)	
Juncus occidentalis	western rush	JUNCOCC	G5	S2S3	November 28, 2005	November 28,2005	L (W ay 2003)	
Juncus oxymeris Lasthenia glaberrima	pointed rush smooth goldfields	JUNCOXY LASTGLA	G5 G5	8283 S1	December 29, 2000 August 01, 2003	April 30,1996 August 01,2003	E (Mar 2008)	
Lasthenia maritima	hairy goldfields	LASTMAR	G4	S2S3	December 29, 2000	April 30,1996	L (W al 2000)	
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Lathyrus littoralis	grey beach peavine	LATHUT LEPIOXY	G5 G4	82 8X	December 11, 2003 October 24, 2006	December 11,2003		
Lepidium oxycarpum Lewisia columbiana var. columbiana	sharp-pod peppergrass Columbia lewisia	LEWICOL1	G4T4	8283	November 28, 2005	October 24,2006 November 28,2005		
Leymus triticoides	creeping wildrye	LEYMTRI	G4G5	S1	December 29, 2000	April 30,1996		
Lilaea scilloides	flowering quillwort	LLASCI	G 5?	8283	December 29, 2000	April 30,1996		
Limnanthes macounii	M acoun's meadow-foam	LIMNMAC	G 2	S2	August 07, 2007	November 28,2005	T (Nov 2004)	
Linaria canadensis var. texana	blue toadflax	LINACAN1	G5T4T5	83	November 28, 2005	November 28,2005		
Lomatium dissectum var. dissectum	fern-leaved desert-parsley	LOMADIS1	G 4T4	S1	October 29, 2001	October 29,2001		
Lomatium grayi Lotus formosissimus	Gray's desert-parsley seaside birds-foot trefoil	LOMAGRA LOTUFOR	G5 G4	S1 S1	December 29, 2000	April 30,1996 April 30,1996	E (May 2000)	
Lotus rinnatus	bog bird's-foot trefoil	LOTUPIN	G4G5	S1	December 29, 2000 December 29, 2000	April 30, 1996	E (May 2004)	
Lotus unifoliolatus var. unifoliolatus	Spanish-clover	LOTUUNI1	G5T5	83	September 10, 2007	October 30,2007	L (W dy 2004)	
Lupinus densiflorus var. densiflorus	dense-flowered lupine	LUPIDEN2	G5T4	81	December 29,2000	April 01,1998	E (May 2005)	Full Species
Lupinus lepidus	prairie lupine	LUPILEP	G5	S1	December 29, 2000	April 30,1996	E (May 2000)	
Lupinus oreganus var. kincaidii	Kincaid's lupine	LUPIO RE1	G5T2	SX S1	December 29, 2000	December 30,2000	- a	
Lupinus rivularis Madia minima	streambank lupine small-headed tarweed	LUPIRIV MADIM IN	G 2G 4 G 4	S1 S1	December 29, 2000 December 29, 2000	April 30,1996 September 14,1999	E (Nov 2002)	
	ornan nedded tarweed							
Malaxis brachypoda Marah oreganus	white adder's-mouth orchid	MALABRA	G4Q G5	S2S3 S1	December 29, 2000	April 30,1996		
Meconella oregana	manroot white meconella	MARAORE MECOORE		81	September 10,2007 January 15,2005	February 20,2003 November 25,2004	E (May 2005)	
	Wille Meconena						L (m dy 2000)	
Megalodonta beckii var. beckii	water marigold		G4G5T4T5		April 09,2001	March 07,2001		
Melica harfordii Microseris bigelovii	Harford's melic coast microseris	MELIHAR MICRBIG	G5 G4	S2S3 S1	October 30, 2006 December 29, 2000	October 30,2006 October 06,2000	E (Apr 2006)	
William Edgerow	coust merosons	mioribio	· ·	٥.	D0001111001 20,2000	0 000001 00,2000	L (1p; 2000)	COSEWIC uses the na
								<i>lindleyi</i> and the English
								Lindley's false silverpufl tracks the taxon as <i>Mic</i>
Microseris lindleyi	Lindley's microseris	MICRUN	G5	S1	December 29, 2000	April 30,1996	E (M ar 2008)	common name Lindley's
Mimulus dentatus	tooth-leaved monkey-flower	MIMUDEN	G5	82	August 19,2003	August 19,2003		
Minuartia pusilla	dwarf sandwort	MINUPUS	G5	S2 S1	December 29, 2000	April 30,1996	E (May 2004)	
Mitella caulescens	leafy mitrewort	MITECAU	G5	8283	November 28, 2001	November 28,2001	L (m dy 2004)	
Montia chamissoi	Chamisso's montia	MONTCHA	G5	8283	November 28, 2001	November 28,2001		
Montia diffusa	branching montia	MONTDIF	G 4	S1	August 28, 2001	August 28,2001		
Myrica californica	California wax-myrtle	MYRICAL	G5	83	March 03, 2003	March 03, 2003		
Myriophyllum quitense	waterwort water-milfoil	MYRIQU	G 4?	8283	December 29, 2000	April 30,1996		
Myriophyllum ussuriense	Ussurian water-milfoil	MYRIUSS	G3	83	January 15,2002	March 07,2001		
Navarretia intertexta	needle-leaved navarretia	NAVAINT	G5	82	December 29, 2000	April 30,1996		
Ophioglossum pusillum	northern adder's-tongue	OPHIPUS	G5	8283	December 29, 2000	October 06,2000		
O robanche pinorum	pine broomrape	OROBPIN	G4	81	September 24, 2001	December 30,2000		
Orthocarpus bracteosus	rosy owl-clover	ORTHBRA	G 3?	81	December 29, 2000	October 06,2000	E (May 2004)	
Orthocarpus imbricatus	mountain owl-clover	ORTHMB	G5	81	December 29, 2000	April 30,1996		
Oxalis oregana	redwood sorrel	OXALORE	G5	S2S3	October 30, 2006	December 02,1999		
Piperia candida Plagiobothrys figuratus ssp. figuratus	white-lip rein orchid	PIPECAN PLAGFIG1	G 3G 4 G 4T4	S2 S1	December 15, 2001 December 29, 2000	October 11,2000 April 30,1996	E (Mar 2008)	
Plagiobotniys riguratus ssp. riguratus Plagiobothrys tenellus	fragrant popcornflower slender popcornflower	PLAGFIGT	G414 G4G5	S1 S2	December 29, 2000 December 29, 2000	April 30,1996 April 05,2000	⊏ (IVI all 2008)	
Pleuricospora fimbriolata	fringed pinesap	PLEUFIM	G4	SH	December 29, 2000	April 30,1996		
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Pleuropogon refractus Polvaonum hydropiperoides	nodding semaphoregrass water-pepper	PLEUREF POLYHYR	G4 G5	83 8283	September 15,2001 December 29,2000	April 12,2001 April 30,1996		
Polygonum natomichia	water-pepper	FULTHIR	0.5	0203	December 29, 2000 Navordor 20, 2005			



Ranunculus alismifolius var. alismifolius	water-plantain buttercup	RANUALI1	G 5T 5	S1	December 29, 2000	April 30,1996	E (M ay 2000)
Ranunculus californicus	California buttercup	RANUCAL	G 5	S1	February 20, 2003	February 20,2003	
Ranunculus lobbil	Lobb's water-buttercup	RANULOB	G 4	SH	October 30, 2006	April 30,1996	
Rubus lasiococcus	dwarf bramble	RUBULAS	G5	S2S3	December 29, 2000	April 30,1996	
Rubus nivalis	snow bramble	RUBUNIV	G 4?	S2	December 29, 2000	December 02,1999	
Rupertia physodes	California-tea	RUPEPHY	G 4	S3	October 03, 2001	October 03,2001	
Salix lemmonii	Lemmon's willow	SALILEM	G 5	S1	December 29, 2000	April 30,1996	
Salix sessilifolia	soft-leaved willow	SALISES	G 4	S2S3	December 29, 2000	April 30,1996	
Sanguisorba menziesii Sanicula arctopoides Sanicula bipinnatifida	M enzies' burnet snake-root sanicle purple sanicle	SANGMEN SANIARC SANIBIP	G3G4 G5 G5	S2S3 S1 S2	December 29, 2000 December 29, 2000 December 29, 2000	April 30,1996 April 30,1996 April 30,1996	E (M ay 2001) T (May 2001)
Schoenopiectus americanus	O iney's bulrush	SCHOAME	G5	S1	December 29,2000	November 07,2000	E (M ay 2003)
Selaginella oregana	O regon selaginella	SELAORE	G4	S1S3	November 28,2005	November 28,2005	
Senecio macounii	M acoun's groundsel	SENEMAC	G5	S3	April 09,2001	March 07,2001	
Senecio hendersonii	Henderson's checker-mallow	SIDAHEN	G3	S3	April 09,2001	March 07,2001	
Silene scouleri ssp. grandis	Scouler's catchfly	SILESCO1	G5TNR	S1	December 29,2000	April 30,1996	
Sparganium fluctuans Syntrichia laevipila Thelypteris nevadensis Thysanocarous curvipes	water bur-reed twisted oak moss Nevada marsh fern sand lacepod	SPARFLU TORTLAE2 THELNEV THY SCUR	G5	S2S3 S2S3 S1 S3	December 29,2000 September 10,2007 December 29,2000 September 10,2007	January 21,1999 October 30,2007 April 30,1996 October 30,2007	SC (May 2004) Full Species
Tonella tenella	small-flowered tonella	TONETEN	G5	S1	February 22,2005	December 27,2001	E (Nov 2003)
Toxicodendron diversilobum	poison oak	TOXIDIV	G5	S2S3	December 29,2000	April 30,1996	
Trifolium cyathiferum Trifolium depauperatum var.	cup clover	TRIFCYA	G 4	S1	December 29,2000	April 30,1996	
depauperatum	poverty clover	TRIFDEP1	G 5T5?	S3	May 08,2002	May 08,2002	
Trifolium dichotomum	Macrae's clover	TRIFDIC	G 4?	S2S3	September 10,2007	October 30,2007	
Triglochin concinna	graceful arrow-grass	TRIGCON	G 5	S2	December 29,2000	April 05,2000	
Trillium ovatum var. hibbersonii	dwarf trillium	TRILOVA2	G 5T1Q	S1	December 29,2000	January 11,1999	
Triphysaria versicolor ssp. versicolor Triteleia howellii Utricularia ochroleuca Verbena hastata var. scabra	bearded owl-clover Howell's triteleia ochroleucous bladderwort blue vervain	TRIPVER1 TRITHOW UTRIOCH VERBHAS1	G5T5 G3G4 G4? G5T5	S1 S1 S2S3 S2	May 14,2001 March 24,2005 September 10,2007 December 29,2000	May 14,2001 August 18,2003 October 30,2007 February 11,2000	E (M ay 2000) E (M ay 2003)
Viola howellii	Howell's violet	VIOLHOW	G4	S2S3	December 29,2000	April 30,1996	E (Nov 2007)
Viola praemorsa ssp. praemorsa	yellow montane violet	VIOLPRA1	G5T3T5	S2	February 28,2005	April 30,1996	
Wolffia columbiana	Columbian water-meal	WOLFCOL	G5	S1	December 29,2000	April 30,1996	
Woodwardia fimbriata	giant chain fern	WOODFIM	G5	S3	April 09,2001	March 07,2001	
Yabea microcarpa	California hedge-parsley	YABEMIC	G5?	S2	September 10,2007	October 30,2007	





Appendix C – BCCDC Rare Plant Communities (South Island)



Scientific Name	English Name	Global Rank	Prov Rank	Prov Rank Review Date	e Prov Rank Change Date	BC Status Identified Wildlife	CDC Track	( B(
Ables amabilis - Picea sitchensis/ Oplopanax horridus	amabilis fir - Sitka spruce / devil's club	GNR	83	March 31,2001	March 31, 2001	Blue	Υ	C)
Ables amabilis - Thuja plicata / Rubus spectabilis M oist Maritime 1	amabilis fir - western redcedar / salmonberry Moist Maritime 1	G3G4	8182	March 31,2001	June 16,1992	Red	Υ	C)
Ables amabilis - Thuja plicata / Rubus spectabilis Moist Maritime 2	amabilis fir - western redcedar / salmonberry Moist Maritime 2	G3G4	8283	July 11,2002	July 11,2002	Blue	Υ	C)
Ables amabilis - Thuja plicata / Rubus spectabilis Very Wet Maritime	amabilis fir - western redcedar / salmonberry Very Wet Maritime	GNR	S4	June 15,2000	June 15,2000	Yellow	N	C1
Ables amabilis - Thuja plicata / Tiarella trifoliata Moist Maritime 1	amabilis fir - western redcedar / three- leaved foamflower Moist Maritime 1	G2	82	June 15,2000	June 15, 2000	Red	ν	C)
Ables amabilis - Thuja plicata / Tiarella	amabilis fir - western redcedar / three-	-	-	0	0.000		·	
trifoliata Very Wet Maritime Abies amabilis - Tsuga mertensiana /	leaved foamflower Very Wet Maritime	G3G4	8384	March 31,2001	September 29,1994	Yellow	Ν	C)
Gymnocarpium dryopteris Moist Maritime 1	amabilis fir - mountain hemlock / oak fern M oist Maritime 1	G4G5	84		March 31, 2001	Yellow	Ν	М
Abies amabilis - Tsuga mertensiana / Streptopus lanceolatus	amabilis fir - mountain hemlock / rosy twistedstalk	G4G5	S4		September 29,1994	Yellow	N	м
Ables grandis / Mahonia nervosa	grand fir / dull Oregon-grape	G1	S1	June 15,2000	June 15,2000	Red	Υ	CI
Abies grandis / Ti arella trifoliata Alnus rubra I Carex obnupta [ Populus	grand fir / three-leaved foamflower	G1	S1	June 15,2000	June 15,2000	Red	Υ	CI
balsamifera ssp. trichocarpa]	red alder / slough sedge [ black cottorwood ]	G1	81	June 22,2004	October 29,1991	Red	Υ	CI
Alnus rubra / Lysichiton americanus	red alder / skunk cabbage	GNR	8283	June 22,2004	October 30,1991	Blue	Υ	CI
Alnus rubra / Rubus spectabilis / Equisetum arvense	red Alder / salmonberry / common horsetai	IGNR	S3	March 31,2001	March 31, 2001	Blue	Υ	C)
Anaphalis margaritacea - Aster foliaceous	pearly everlasting - leafy aster	G2	S2	July 11,2002	July 11,2002	Red	Υ	М
Arbutus menziesii / Arctostaphylos columbiana	arbutus / hairy manzanita	G2	82		July 26,2002	Red	Υ	CI
Artemisia campestris - Festuca rubra/ Racomitrium canescens	northern wormwood - red fescue / grey rock-moss	GNR	S1			Red	Υ	CI
Calamagrostis purpurascens Herbaceous Vegetation	purple reedgrass Herbaceous Vegetation	G2	82		June 15, 2000	Red	Y	CI
Carex lasiocarpa - Rhynchospora alba	slender sedge - white beak-rush	G2	82		0	Red	Y	CI /V'
Carex lyngbyei Herbaceous Vegetation	Lyngbye's sedge herbaceous vegetation	GNR	83			Blue	Υ	CI
Carex macrocephala Herbaceous Vegetation	large-headed sedge Herbaceous Vegetation	G1G2	8182		July 26,2002	Red	Υ	CI
Carex sitchensis - Oenanthe sarmentosa	Sitka sedge - Pacific water-parsley	G3	83			Blue	Υ	VV.
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Carex sitchensis / Sphagnum spp.	Sitka sedge / peat-mosses	G2	82			Red	Υ	/V
Chamaecyparis nootkatensis / Sphagnum spp.	yellow-cedar / peat-mosses	GNR	84?	April 02,1993	April 02,1993	Yellow	N	C)
Chamaecyparis nootkatensis - Tsuga mertensiana / Lysichiton americanus	yellow-cedar - mountain hemlock / skunk cabbage	G4	84	June 23,2004	June 23,2004	Yellow	Ν	M /0
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Chamaecyparis nootkatensis - Tsuga mertensiana / Veratrum viride Deschampsia cespitosa - Sidalcea	yellow-cedar - mountain hemlock / Indian hellebore tufted bairgrace - Henderson's checker-	GNR	84	June 23,2004	June 23,2004	Yellow	N	M /0
hendersonii	tufted hairgrass - Henderson's checker- mallow	G2	8182	May 26,1992	September 20,1991	Red	Υ	C)
Deschampsia cespitosa ssp. beringensis -								
Aster subspicatus Deschampsia cespitosa ssp. beringensis -	tufted hairgrass - Douglas' aster	G3	83			Blue	Υ	CI
Hordeum brachyantherum Distichlis spicata var. spicata Herbaceous	tufted hairgrass - meadow barley	G3	83			Blue	Y	CI



Festuca idahoensis ssp. roemeri - Koeleria macrantha	Roemer's fescue - junegrass	G1	S1	April 29,1993	June 15,2000	Red	Υ	CI
Juncus arcticus - Plantago macrocarpa	arctic rush - Alaska plantain	GNR	S1			Red	Υ	CI
Ledum groenlandicum / Kalmia microphylla / Sphagnum spp.	Labrador tea / western bog-laurel / peat-mosses	G4	83			Blue	Y	C/
Leymus mollis ssp. mollis - Lathyrus japonicus	dune wildrye - beach pea	GNR	8182			Red	Υ	C/
Menyanthes trifoliata - Carex lasiocarpa	buckbean - slender sedge	G3	S3		July 31,2002	Blue	Υ	CI /V°
Myosurus minimus - Montia spp Limnanthes macounii	tiny mousetail - montias - Macoun's meadow-foam	G2	S1		June 15, 2000	Red	Y	CI
								CI /V
Myrica gale / Carex sitchensis	sweet gale / Sitka sedge	G3	82			Red	Υ	/V°
Phlox diffusa - Selaginella wallacei	spreading phlox - Wallace's selaginella	GNR	82		July 11,2002	Red	Υ	М
Picea sitchensis / Calamagrostis nutkaensis	Sitka spruce / Pacific reedgrass	G3G5	83	July 11,2002	July 11,2002	Blue	Υ	C)
Picea sitchensis/ Carex obnupta	Citico en rues / elevado codas	G2G3	8283	Contomber 20 1004	Contombor 30 1004	Dive	Y	C1
Pricea Sicherisis? Carex Obriga	Sitka spruce / slough sedge	0203	0203	September 29,1994	September 29,1994	Blue	'	C.
Picea sitchensis / Eurhynchium oreganum	Sitka spruce / Oregon beaked-moss	GNR	83	June 15,2000	June 15, 2000	Blue	Υ	C/
Picea sitchensis / Gaultheria shallon	Sitka spruce / salal	GNR	84	June 15,2000	June 15,2000	Yellow	N	C)
Picea sitchensis / Maianthemum dilatatum Very Wet Hypermaritime 1	Sitka spruce / faise illy-of-the-valley Very Wet Hypermaritime 1	G1G2	8182	September 29,1994	September 29,1994	Red	Υ	C/
Picea sitchensis / Malus fusca	Sitka spruce / Pacific crab apple	GNR	83		June 15,2000	Blue	Υ	C/
Picea sitchensis / Polystichum munitum	Sitka spruce / sword fern	G3	83	September 29,1994	September 29,1994	Blue	Υ	C/
Picea sitchensis / Rubus spectabilis Very Dry Maritime	Sitka spruce / salmonberry Very Dry Maritime	G3	S2	June 26,1992	June 26,1992	Red	Υ	C/
Picea sitchensis / Rubus spectabilis Very Wet Maritime	Sitka spruce / salmonberry Very Wet Maritime	G3	S2	September 29,1994	September 29,1994	Red	Υ	C)
Picea sitchensis/Trisetum canescens	Sitka spruce / tall trisetum	G1G2	S1S2	June 15,2000	June 15, 2000	Red	Υ	C/
Pinus contorta - Chamaecyparis nootkatensis / Racomitrium lanuginosum	lodgepole pine - yellow-cedar / hoary rock-moss	G4	S4	June 15,2000	March 22, 2007	Yellow	N	C/
								C)
Pinus contorta / Sphagnum spp.	lodgepole pine / peat-mosses	GNR	8485	November 17,1993	January 05,1993	Yellow	N	/1 /1
Pinus contorta / Sphagnum spp. CDFmm Pinus contorta / Sphagnum spp. Very Dry	lodgepole pine / peat-mosses CDFmm	GNR	S1	May 12,1992	May 12,1992	Red	Υ	CI
Maritime Pinus contorta var. contorta -	Maritime	GNR	83	June 17,2000	June 15,2000	Blue	Υ	C)
Chamaecyparis nootkatensis / Trichophorum cespitosum	shore pine - yellow-cedar / tufted clubrush	GNR	85	September 29,1994	September 29,1994	Yellow	N	\A C/
Plantago maritima - Puccinellia pumila	sea plantain - dwarf alkaligrass	G2	S2			Red	Y	C)
Poa macrantha Herbaceous Vegetation	dune bluegrass Herbaceous Vegetation	GNR	81			Red	т	C)
Populus balsamifera ssp. trichocarpa -								/0 /0
Alnus rubra / Rubus spectabilis Populus balsamifera ssp. trichocarpa /	black cottonwood - red alder / salmonberry		83	September 29,1994	September 29,1994	Blue	Υ	/0
Salix sitchensis Populus tremuloides / Malus fusca / Carex	black cottonwood / Sitka willow (trembling aspen / Pacific crab apple /	GNR	8283	July 11,2002	July 11,2002	Blue	Y	C/



Pseudotsuga menziesii - Tsuga heterophylla / Gaultheria shallon Dry Martlime Pseudotsuga menziesii - Tsuga	Douglas-fir - western hemlock / salal Dry M aritime	G3G4	8283	June 15,1992	June 15,1992	Blue	Υ	C/
rseutotsuga menziesii - i suga heterophylla / Gaultheria shallon Moist Maritime	Douglas-fir - western hemlock / salal Moist Maritime	GNR	83	June 15,2000	June 15,2000	Blue	Υ	C/
Quercus garryana - Arbutus menziesii	Garry oak - arbutus	G1	81	June 15,2000	June 15,2000	Red	Υ	CI
Quercus garryana / Bromus carinatus	Garry oak / California brome	G1	S1	July 03,1992	July 03,1992	Red	Υ	CI
Quercus garryana / Holodiscus discolor	Garry oak / oceanspray	G1	S1	June 15,2000	June 15,2000	Red	Υ	CI
Ruppia maritima Herbaceous Vegetation	beaked ditch-grass Herbaceous Vegetation	ı GNR	S2			Red	Υ	СІ
Salicornia virginiana - Glaux maritima	American glasswort - sea-milkwort	G3G4	82			Red	Y	CI
Salix reticulata Community	net-veined willow Community	GNR	SNR			Yellow	Ν	B/
Salix sitchensis / Carex sitchensis	Sitka willow / Sitka sedge	G3	S3			Blue	Υ	\\ \\ \\
Salix sitchensis - Salix lucida ssp. Iasiandra / Lysichiton americanus	Sitka willow - Pacific willow / skunk cabbage	G2	82			Red	Υ	CI
Sidalcea hendersonii Tidal Marsh	Henderson's checker-mallow Tidal Marsh	G1	81	July 10,2000	July 10,2000	Red	Υ	C/
Spiraea douglasii / Carex sitchensis	hardhack / Sitka sedge	G4	84			Yellow	N	CI /\^ /\^
Thuja plicata / Achlys triphylla	western redcedar / vanilla leaf	G1	S1	July 15,2002	July 15,2002	Red	Υ	CI
Thuja plicata / Carex obnupta	western redcedar / slough sedge	GNR	S2S3	June 26,1992	June 26,1992	Blue	Υ	C)
Thuja plicata - Chamaecyparis nootkatensis / Coptis aspieniifolia Thuja plicata - Chamaecyparis nootkatensis / Coptis aspieniifolia Moist Maritime 2	western redcedar - yellow-cedar / spleerwort-leaved goldthread western redcedar - yellow-cedar / spleerwort-leaved goldthread Moist Maritime 2	G4G5 G4G5	S4S5 S2S3	September 29,1994 July 16,2002	September 29,1994 July 16,2002	Yellow	N Y	C) /1
Thuja plicata - Chamaecyparis	western redcedar - yellow-cedar / skunk							
nootkatensis / Lysichiton americanus	cabbage	GNR	8384	July 08,2004	March 31, 2001	Yellow	Ν	C/
Thuja plicata / Lonicera involucrata	western redcedar / black twinberry	GNR	82	June 26,1992	June 26,1992	Red	Υ	C/
Thuja plicata / Oemleria cerasiformis	western redcedar / Indian-plum	G1	S1	July 15,2002	July 11,2002	Red	Y	CI (1) (1)
Thuja plicata - Picea sitchensis / Lysichiton americanus	western redcedar - Sitka spruce / skunk cabbage	G3?	83?	September 29,1994	July 16,2002	Blue	Υ	/1 /1
Thuja plicata - Picea sitchensis / Oplopanax horridus Very Wet Hypermaritime 1	western redcedar - Sitka spruce / devil's club Very Wet Hypermaritime 1	G1G3	S1S3	March 31,2005	March 31, 2005	Yellow	N	C/
Thuja plicata - Picea sitchensis / Polystichum munitum	western redcedar - Sitka spruce / sword fern	G3?	8283	September 29,1994	September 29,1994	Blue	Υ	C/
Thuja plicata - Picea sitchensis / Tiarella trifoliata	western redcedar - Sitka spruce / three- leaved foamflower	GNR	S4	July 08,2004	July 08,2004	Yellow	N	\(0)
Thuja plicata / Polystichum munitum Very Dry Maritime	western redcedar / sword fern Very Dry Maritime	GNR	S2S3	June 25,1992	June 25,1992	Blue	Υ	/O
Thuja plicata - Pseudotsuga menziesii / Eurhynchium oreganum	western redcedar - Douglas-fir / Oregon beaked-moss	GNR	S1	July 15,2002	July 15,2002	Red	' Y	CI
Thuis niceta / Rubus enactabilis	western redeeder ( colmonhern	CND	01	Jum 35 1883	Juno 36 1003	Red		CI CI



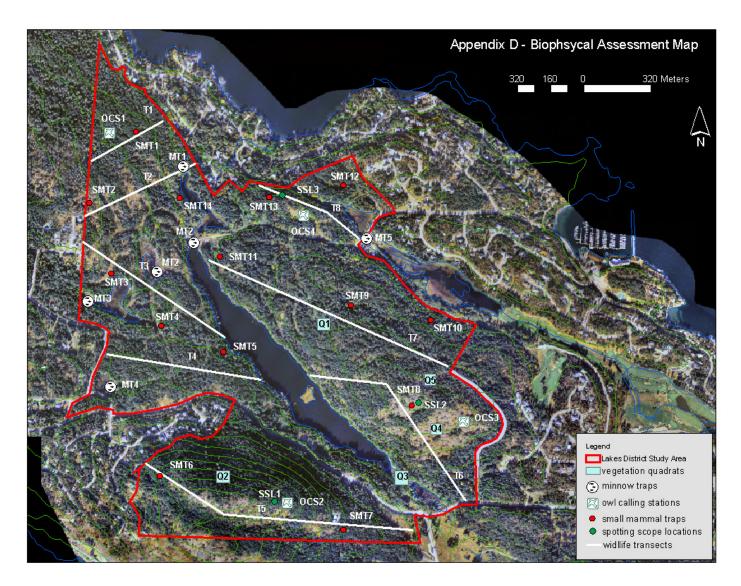
Trichophorum alpinum/ Scorpidium revolvens	Hudson Bay clubrush / rusty hook-moss	G2	82			Red	Υ	\\ C\
Tsuga heterophylla - Abies amabilis / Biechnum spicant	western hemlock - amabilis fir / deer fern	GNR	85	March 31,2001	March 31, 2001	Yellow	N	C)
Tsuga heterophylla - Abies amabilis / Blechnum spicant Moist Maritime	western hemlock - amabilis fir / deer fern M oist Maritime	G2G4	82	July 22,2002	July 22,2002	Red	Υ	C)
Tsuga heterophylla - Abies amabilis / Rhytidiopsis robusta	western hemlock - amabilis fir / pipecleaner moss	G3	83	November 16,1993	June 16,1992	Blue	Υ	C)
Tsuga heterophylla - Abies amabilis / Vaccinium alaskaense Tsuga heterophylla - Chamaecyparis	western hemlock - amabilis fir / Alaskan blueberry	GNR	S4?	June 17,1992	April 01,1993	Yellow	Ν	C)
nootkatensis / Gaultheria shallon Very We Hypermaritime 1	twestern hemlock - yellow-cedar / salal Very Wet Hypermaritime 1	GNR	S4	September 29,1994	September 29,1994	Yellow	N	C)
Tsuga heterophylla - Picea sitchensis / Rhytidiadelphus loreus	western hemlock - Sitka spruce / lanky moss	GNR	83	September 29,1994	March 31, 2001	Blue	Υ	/0 C\
Tsuga heterophylla - Pinus contorta/ Cladina rangiferina Tsuga heterophylla - Pseudotsuga	western hemlock - lodgepole pine / grey reindeer lichen western hemlock - Douglas-fir / Oregon	G3G5	8385	June 15,2000	March 22, 2007	Yellow	N	C)
menziesii / Eurhynchium oreganum	beaked-moss	G3G4	82	June 15,2000	June 15,2000	Red	Υ	C)
Tsuga heterophylla - Thuja plicata / Blechnum spicant	western hemlock - western redcedar / deer fern	G2G3	S2	June 15,2000	June 15,2000	Red	Υ	C)
Tsuga heterophylla - Thuja plicata / Gaultheria shallon Moist Maritime 1	western hemlock - western redcedar / salal Moist Maritime 1	G3G4	82	June 15,2000	June 15,2000	Red	Υ	C)
Tsuga heterophylla - Thuja plicata / Gaultheria shallon Moist Maritime 2	western hemlock - western redcedar / salal M oist Maritime 2	G3	83	June 15,2000	June 15,2000	Blue	Υ	C)
Tsuga heterophylla - Thuja plicata / Gaultheria shallon Very Wet Maritime	western hemlock - western redcedar / salal Very Wet Maritime	G3	S3	February 15,2006	March 28, 2006	Blue	Y	C)
Tsuga mertensiana - Abies amabilis / Phyllodoce empetriformis Moist Maritime 1	mountain hemlock - amabilis fir / pink mountain-heather Moist Maritime 1	G5	S4		September 29,1994	Yellow	N	М
Tsuga mertensiana - Abies amabilis / Rubus pedatus	mountain hemlock - amabilis fir / five-leaved bramble	I G4G5	8485		September 29,1994	Yellow	N	М
Tsuga mertensiana - Abies amabilis / Vaccinium alaskaense	mountain hemlock - amabilis fir / Alaskan blueberry	G4G5	8384	July 22,2002	July 22,2002	Yellow	N	М
Tsuga mertensiana - Chamaecyparis nootkatensis / Blechnum spicant	mountain hemlock - yellow-cedar / deer fern	GNR	S4	March 25,1993	March 31, 2001	Yellow	N	M /0
Tsuga mertensiana - Chamaecyparis nootkatensis / Sphagnum capillifolium	mountain hemiock - yellow-cedar / common red peat-moss	GNR	S5		March 25, 1993	Yellow	N	M /0 B: /V
<i>Typha latifolia</i> Marsh	common cattail Marsh	G5	83			Blue	Υ	/V° /V°





 $Appendix \ D-Biophysical \ Assessment \ Map$ 

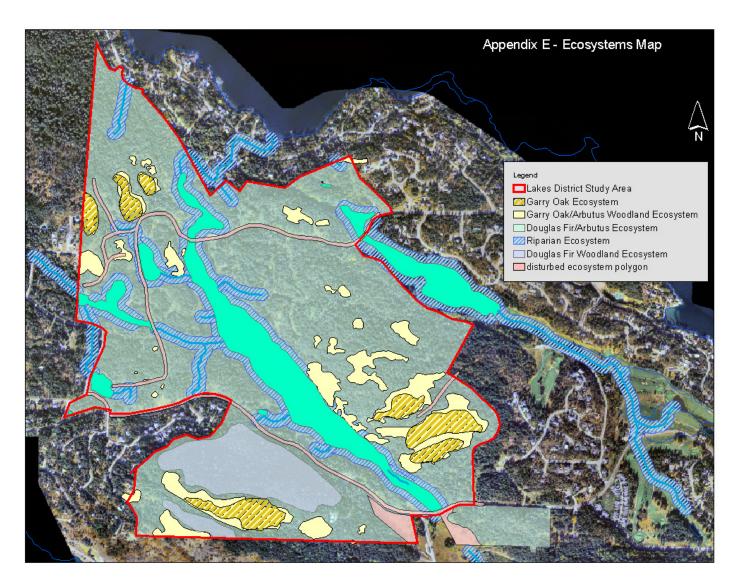






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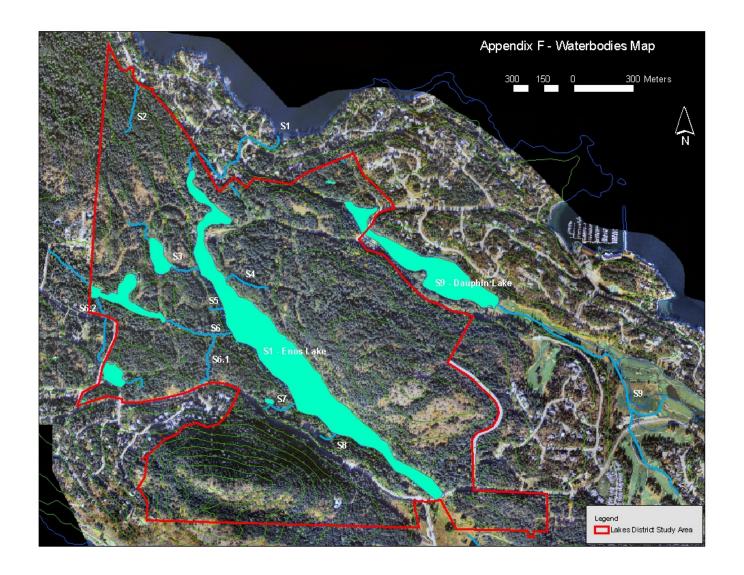






 $Appendix \; F-Waterbodies \; Map$ 









 $Appendix \ G-FISS \ Database \ Records$ 



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# **Back Main Queries Page**

# **FISS Report**

Gazetted Name: ENOS LAKE
Watershed Code: 920-440400
Waterbody Identifier: 00356PARK

Region : Alias :

Type :

Report created on: Fri Jul 18 10:52:01 PDT 2008

## Lake Information

# **Physical Information**

Surface Area (ha)	Perimeter (m)	Max Depth (m)	Mean Depth (m)	Elevation (m)	Shoal Area	Outlets Pern	manent ts	Reference Number
16.19	1609	10.7	5.5					BCLKS-1000

## **Chemical Information**

No records found

## **Access Information**

No records found

## **Facility Information**

age 24

No records found

## **Management Objectives**



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Habitat Type Objective 1 Objective 2

Not Specified

## **Enhancement**

Activity			Species Name	Comments	Reference Number	Geo Ref 1	Geo Ref 2
151 Stocking/Colonization	1948	1948	Rainbow Trout		REL-SUM	W 307262	
210 Biophysical Surveys (unspecified)	1964	1964			BCLKS-1000	W 307262	
213 Fish Sampling	1979	1979	Threespine Stickleback	Electroshocking was conducted to collect fish specimens.	MC192	W 307262	
213 Fish Sampling	1979	1979	Threespine Stickleback		BCLKS-330	W 307262	
Water Withdrawal	1964	1964			BCLKS-1000	W 307262	

## Harvests and Uses

No records found

## Resource Use

No records found

# Resource Values

No records found

## **Resource Sensitivities**

Description	Comments	Reference Number	Geo Ref Geo 1 Ref 2	
Sensitive fish stock	Enos Lake Stickleback species pairs were listed as endangered under SARA in January 2005.	DFO0459	W 307262	



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## Land Use

No records found

## **Fisheries Potentials and Constraints**

Activity	Impact	Degree of Impact	Comments Species Name	Reference Number	Geo Re	f Geo Ref 2
653 Not Accessible	Describing constraint for increasing fisheries production	Not Specified	d	BCLKS-1000	W 307262	

## Obstructions

No records found

## **Escapements**

No records found

## Fish Distributions

Species Name	Stock / Stock Type	Stock Char	Management Class	Activity	Comments	Refs And Dates	Geo Ref 1	Geo Ref 2	
Callacadon	BENTHIC	Resident	Wild indigenous	OBL Fish observed at this point or zone		(HQ0778, 01-OCT-1998)	W 307262		
Outlinepack	LIMNETIC	Resident	Wild indigenous	OBL Fish observed at this point or zone		(HQ0778, 01-OCT-1998)	W 307262		- age 26
	997 / NOT SPECIF	Not Specif	Hatchery production	OBL Fish observed at this point or zone		(REL-SUM, no date)	W 307262		



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(ENOS LAKE BENTHIC (SB6) AND ENOS LAKE OBL LIMNETIC (SB7) Fish STICKLEBACK ARE (HQ0778, 01-OCT-1998) Stickleback / NOT observed Resident THOUGHT TO BE (HQ0840, 01-OCT-1998) (General) SPECIF indigenous at this 307262 NEW SPECIES BUT (HQ0841, 01-OCT-1998) point or ARE NOT YET NAMED AS SUCH.REF#=HQ0778, HQ0840, HQ0841) OBL Fish Threespine / NOT (BCLKS-330, 29-FEB-1980) W observed Not Specified Stickleback SPECIF Specif at this (MC192, 01-JAN-1980) 307262 point or zone . PROVINCIALLY RED-LISTED UNDER CDC (REF # HQ2251) BOTH LIMNETIC AND BENTHIC OBL STICKLEBACKS Fish EXIST HERE. Threespine / NOT Wild observed (HQ2247, 01-APR-1998) W Not **POPULATION** Stickleback SPECIF Specif 307262 indigenous (HQ2251, no date) at this CONSIDERED point or THREATEND UNDER BOTH COSEWIC AND AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY LISTS (REF # HQ2247)

#### **Species and Life Phase History**

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#### Fiss References

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Reference

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INDIGENOUS FISH SPEICES POTENTIALLY AT RISK IN BC WITH RECOMMENDATIONS AND Title:

PRIORITIES FOR CONSERVATION FORESTRY/RESOURCE USE, INVENTORY AND RESEARCH

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AQUATIC INFORMATION BRANCH, VICTORIA, B.C. Location:

Reference Government Report code :

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MINISTRY OF FISHERIES Author:

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Description:

Location: Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management, Victoria, BC

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Year:

MINISTRY OF SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT Author:

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Recovery Strategy for Paxton Lake, Enos Lake, and Vananda Creek Stickleback Species Pairs Title:

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Author: NATIONAL RECOVERY TEAM FOR STICKLEBACK SPECIES PAI

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AND PRIEST LAKES, TEXADA ISLAND, BRITISH COLUMBIA

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VICTORIA, BC

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Year:

Author: HATFIELD, TODD

Reference

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STATUS OF THE STICKLEBACK SPECIES PAIR, GASTEROSTEUS SPP., IN HADLEY LAKE,

Title: LESQUETI ISLAND, BRITISH COLUMBIA

PREPARED FOR FISHERIES BRANCH AND BC CONSERVATION DATA CENTRE, MINISTRY OF Description:

ENVIRONMENT, LANDS AND PARKS, VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Location: BC FISHERIES, VICTORIA, BC

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Author: HATFIELD, TODD

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TEXADA ISLAND, BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Appendix H – Environmental Constraints Map



